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taining of these confessions to his attention before the  
case is called.

Very truly yours,

  
R. L. Shivers  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
936 Raymond Commerce Building  
Newark New Jersey

April 15, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

This letter is predicated upon a telephone call received by Special Agent in Charge W. S. Devereaux, Newark Field Division, on April 13, 1937, from Special Agent McIntire, of the Bureau, with reference to a memorandum and notes of Agent N. D. Wills, on interview with "Duke" Randall.

You are advised that on April 14, 1937, Special Agent G. C. Woltz reviewed the entire file of the Newark Field Division in connection with this case, and the memorandum submitted by Special Agent Wills on April 17, 1936, and his notes concerning the same are all the pertinent information available in this matter.

Agent Wills' notes and memorandum are being transmitted, herewith, to the Bureau, as instructed by Special Agent McIntire, in telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Devereaux on April 13, 1937.

Very truly yours,

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W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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C O P Y

April 17, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. L. RICHMOND

RE: BREKID

This is to advise that during an interview on this date with "Duke" Randall, alias Henry Stern, a subject in the above titled case, Randall stated that his trial had been postponed until May 24, 1936. Immediately following this statement, Randall stated "there will be trouble when the time comes and the Agents who were with him in Florida would pay for the way they treated him." Randall further stated that he was kept a prisoner in a hotel room for five days, being handcuffed to a bed and during the nights each wrist was handcuffed to a bed; that his "constitutional rights" had been waived; he was not taken before a magistrate immediately after being arrested, that he was not given benefit of counsel, that he was not allowed to make bail, and that the statement obtained from him was done so by duress as he was man-handled and threatened. Randall also said that at the time he was placed in the Dade County, Florida, Jail, Agents requested that he (Randall) be placed in solitary confinement which was done.

Randall stated further that the statement given to the Agents had been altered, and he intimated that Agents had altered this statement, and that a carbon copy of this statement is in the possession of his lawyer and that the carbon copy does not agree with the original statement. When asked if he knew definitely that the statement had been altered in any respect, Randall replied that he has not seen the statement but that his information was obtained from a good source. Randall would not name this source.

When asked about the threats made to him, Randall informed that the room in which he was kept was filled with guns; that a window was opened and he was told to jump out; and that he was told to run so a shot could be taken at him.

Randall narrated an incident which he predicated by saying "he could have been killed." This incident was that he was hand-cuffed by each wrist to a bed as was customary each night; that about four o'clock in the morning an Agent jumped out of the bed and with a cocked gun in his hand ran toward the window and stumbled over a bed injuring the Agent's ankle. Randall asked what was wrong, and the Agent replied that he was dreaming that Randall was jumping out of the window. As to the manner in which he might have been killed, Randall stated that the gun could have gone off and the bullet hit him.

Randall was reminded that the last time the writer had an interview with him which was only several months ago that he (Randall) had

spoke about how well he was treated and that he had praised the Agents for their treatment of him. To this Randall stated that only one or two were responsible for the man-handling and that the others were fine. Randall appeared to realize that he had made assertions that he did not intend to make to the writer and quickly tried to retract the statements already given. He stated when he left Florida several of the Agents shook hands with him and told him good-bye. Furthermore, Randall refuted his statement about being man-handled by saying that no one struck him or abused him physically.

Randall informed his trial had been postponed by the government several times because of insufficient evidence and that his attorney is to file a motion to dismiss the indictment against him. It is noted here the name of Randall's attorney is Bart Riley, Seabold Building, Miami, Florida.

In conclusion Randall would not or could not give the name of any Agent abusing him, and he spoke in general terms as narrated above.

Very truly yours,

N. D. WILLS,  
Special Agent.



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MEMORANDUM

Re: BREKID

The following information constitutes part of an interview with Bryan Bolton on January 11, 1935. He advised that Doc Barker and Slim Gray left Chicago on the night of December 25; that he did not know where they were going, but that they drove a Ford V8 Sedan.

He advised that he, Monty and Willie Harrison left Chicago, Illinois, in a Ford V8 for Miami, Florida, arriving there on or about December 22, 1934, where he spent Christmas with his wife and children at the Dorn Hotel, where they are now living. He advised he picked up his wife and children at St. Petersburg, Florida, where they were residing at that time and took them to Miami. He stated that Willie Harrison stayed at the El Comodoro Hotel, which he believed is managed by Joe Adams, who, according to Monty, is the gang Florida contact; that he gathered this information through conversation with Willie Harrison, who is well known to Adams. He advised that when he left Chicago, Illinois, with Willie Harrison he informed Doc Barker of his intention of going to Florida to visit his family and Doc Barker suggested that he take Willie Harrison with him in order to watch him, as it is his opinion that members of the gang do not trust him implicitly as they do Harrison. He advised that he found no members of the gang while at Miami, Florida.

He stated that he and Willie Harrison left Miami, Florida, to return to Chicago, Illinois, on January 2, 1935; that the first day they drove from Miami up highway #41 to Lake City, Florida, where they spent the first night; that the distance was considerably more than 400 miles; that they started the next day about 10:00 o'clock in the morning and drove until approximately 2:00 o'clock that afternoon on highway #41 to a point approximately 30 to 50 miles south of Macon, Georgia, where they stopped at a pecan ranch, having more than 4,000 acres of pecan trees; that this pecan ranch was near Lloyd's Pecan Ranch, which is also near Macon, Georgia.

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He was unable to give further information as to the exact location of this pecan ranch, but stated it could be easily located by inquiries asked for near Macon, Georgia. He advised that while at this pecan ranch at about 8:00 o'clock P.M. on the second day after their departure, Slim Gray and Doc Barker drove up to their car; that he and Willie were surprised to see them, but it is possible that Willie Harrison had made contacts with Joe Adams of the El Comodoro Hotel, in Miami, who had possibly arranged this meeting without his, Monty's knowledge. He stated that Slim and Doc advised him that they had left their place of departure that morning at 8:00 o'clock. He did not know the exact place of their departure.

Bolton, in his statement, then goes on to advise that the two cars then returned to Chicago, Illinois, and that he overheard several conversations between the above mentioned persons indicating the location of other members of the gang in Florida. He then furnished information as to the location of the cottage which was then being occupied by Fred Barker. He also overheard conversations to the effect that Fred Barker was then using a Buick coupe which was not "hot" and that the license plates had been obtained in Tennessee.

He further advised that Willie Harrison told him that during the late summer of 1934 he was in Havana, Cuba, where he saw Karpis and Dolores; that it was his belief that when members of the gang were jumped-up at Cleveland, Ohio, by Federal Officers, they immediately went to Havana, Cuba, where they were given protection through contacts of Art and Jimmie. He stated that he does not know definitely whether or not other members of the gang other than Willie and Karpis were in Havana, but expect that they were.

With reference to Willie Harrison he stated that Willie frequently makes trips to Detroit, Michigan, where he sees a man by the name of Cash, who is a prominent man, and whom he, Monty, believes changed a portion of the ransom money; that Willie also contacts persons in Toledo, Ohio, known to him only as Art and Shimmy.

(K.R.McIntire)

April 12, 1937

MEMORANDUM

Re: BREKID

23/ The following information is taken from pages 16 and 17 of the report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 25, 1935. R.M.

11 The following are excerpts taken from the statement of Clara Gibson and have reference to the trip which Bolton, Doc Barker, Willie Harrison and Slim Gibson made to Florida on or about Christmas time, 1934. "A few days before Christmas Russell asked me one night to prepare Andy's breakfast by 7 A.M. on the following morning, that Andy and Harrison were going to take a trip. He didn't say where Andy was going. Ruth Heidt heard Andy tell Russell that he, Andy, would be back by January 4, 1935. Harrison was at my apartment the night before this trip and said he was going with Andy and said he was going to work wherever he was going.

7 "About three days later Russell said that he and Joe Morley were going South, and that I should pack enough things to last him about three weeks. When Andy left he said he was going to see his family over the holidays. Russell returned two or three days after New Years and said he had seen Andy in Georgia. Russell brought back some deer meat and some fish -- said he had fished one day. He also brought some nuts. Russell said he and Joe Morley had run into Andy and Harrison, coming home, while the later were buying nuts. Russell said they had had car trouble on the way home; that they had no money, except a large bill which Morley had, and had they tried to cash this bill they might have gotten into trouble."

The statement continues in part as follows: "I have known William Harrison under the name of Elmer Howe. When he returned from the South after New Years Harrison told me he had been offered a job on a gambling table at twenty-five dollars a day. I asked him if it was in Georgia, and he said, 'No -- in Cuba.' He said he might take this job. Harrison has the appearance of being an overgrown, joking boy. He nicknamed Joe Morley, 'Gabby', since he said so little."

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April 14, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: Bremer Case

On April 9, 1937, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division indicating that John "Turk" Brennan alias John Murphy was arrested by the United States Marshal, Trenton, New Jersey, on April 8, 1937, under a \$10,000 bond for his appearance at Covington, Kentucky, on a warrant issued by Post Office Inspectors charging him with theft of Government property.

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephonically communicated with Inspector Connelley who was in New York City, and he advised that he would proceed to Trenton the following day and interview Brennan. We have since received a teletype message from Mr. Connelley advising that this interview was effected.

Respectfully,

*L. M. Chipman*  
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Mr. Clarence O. Hurt,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will inform you that the trial of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall on the charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis in Miami, Florida, will come on for trial at that point on June 7, 1937. The Bureau has confidentially learned that one of the points of the defense will be to the effect that Special Agents were placed in the Hotel El Comodoro for the purpose of observing and apprehending members of the Karpis-Barker gang; that members of the said gang were in the hotel at the time such Special Agents were resident therein; that such Special Agents failed to observe and failed to identify members of this gang; that the defense will therefore conclude that Special Agents, failing to make such observations and failing further to make any identification, it cannot be expected that the defendants in this matter should have been able to identify members of the Karpis-Barker gang who were living at that hotel.

The Bureau has caused a review of its files to be made, as a result of which it is shown that the first Special Agents who were at any time ordered to register into the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of making an investigation in this matter, were former Special Agent H. C. Douglas and Special Agent M. C. Falkner. These Agents registered in Rooms 917 and 1001 of the said hotel on November 18, 1934, at the request of former Inspector S. P. Cowley. Their purpose in remaining in the hotel was to

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maintain a vigil for Duke Randall and Gregory I. Codomo and for the purpose of ascertaining whether any members of the Karpis-Barker gang were in contact with Randall, who then had possession of a 1934 Ford coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480. You will recall that this Ford coupe was purchased by Alvin Karpis in the name of Charles Bronson from the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, July 19, 1934. You will recall further that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, using the names of J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner, first appeared and registered at the El Comodoro Hotel on September 20, 1934, registering out on September 21, 1934. On this first occasion of Karpis' visit with Joe Adams, he, Karpis, parked the said Ford coupe in a parking lot behind the El Comodoro Hotel, leaving the registration card in the automobile. He then delivered the keys to the said car to Joe Adams, requesting Joe Adams to keep the car until "either Willie Harrison or the owner should call for it." He advised Adams that in the event neither the owner nor Willie Harrison called for the car, he could dispose of it as he saw fit. Subsequent thereto and on or about November 5, 1934, this car was registered in the State of Florida under the name of Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

Investigation had previously disclosed that this said car was sold to Alvin Karpis in Cleveland as noted above, in consequence of which stop notices had been placed with the various motor vehicle registration bureaus throughout the United States. As a result of such a stop notice, the Jacksonville office was notified as to the registration of this car in Florida under the name of Duke Randall. In consequence of this notification, Inspector S. P. Cowley, accompanied by former Special Agent H. E. Hollis and Special Agents Clarence O. Hurt and C. G. Campbell, proceeded to Miami, Florida, by airplane, arriving at that point at 3:10 A. M. on November 18, 1934. At that point, the said Agents from the Chicago office were joined by the following Special Agents from the Birmingham office: J. H. Hanson, P. C. Dunne, and L. J. Metcalf, and the following Special Agents from the Nashville office: R. E. Peterson, M. C. Falkner, and H. C. Douglas. The Agents from the Birmingham and Nashville offices had arrived in Miami, Florida, at 2:45 P. M. on November 17, 1934, via airplane, but their investigation was held in abeyance until the arrival of Inspector S. P. Cowley on November 18, 1934.

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As has been pointed out above, Special Agents Douglas and Falkner maintained a surveillance of the lobby of the El Comodoro Hotel on November 18 and 19, 1934. On November 19, 1934, they were requested to register out of the hotel, and Special Agents Hurt and Campbell were instructed by Inspector S. P. Cowley to register into the hotel. There is no showing in the files as to the room or rooms which were occupied by Agents Hurt and Campbell or the exact time when such occupancy was taken or when a departure was made from such room or rooms.

There is nothing in the files to disclose what investigation was performed by any of the above mentioned Agents, with the exception of Agents Falkner and Douglas, from the morning of November 18, 1934, to 5:00 P. M. of that date. The information with reference to their investigation is contained in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, November 23, 1934. There will be no necessity for you to obtain copies of this report as the pertinent information contained therein will be set out in this letter. The report states: "About 5 o'clock P. M. on November 18, 1934, on an occasion when Inspector Cowley, Special Agents Clarence Hurt, Roger Main, and J. H. Hanson drove by the El Comodoro Hotel, the Ford coupe was seen parked in front of the El Comodoro Hotel."

It is also pointed out in this report that later on during the same evening, a surveillance of this car was maintained by Agents Douglas and Hanson, who occupied one car, and by Messrs. Cowley, Hollis, Hurt, and Campbell in another car, who followed the above mentioned Ford coupe to the home of J. C. Knight, 2467 - 5th Street, Southeast, Miami, Florida. It is pointed out that this man is the brother of Bob Knight, the latter being the father-in-law of Joe Adams. The report goes on to state that this said Ford coupe was later seen during the same evening parked in front of the El Comodoro Hotel, where a surveillance was maintained by Messrs. Hollis and Hanson until 9:00 P. M., at which time the surveillance was continued for the duration of the night by Messrs. Campbell and Hurt.

Page eight of the above mentioned report of Agent Hanson states: "On November 19, 1934, Special Agents C. Hurt and C. G. Campbell were instructed by Inspector Cowley to check into



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the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance on Randall, at which time they were placed in a room on the eleventh floor. Special Agent Hurt succeeded in contacting Mr. L. E. Gray, one of the clerks at the hotel, learning from him that so far as he knows, Mr. Joe Adams is the operator of the El Comodoro; further, that on the date that he, Mr. Gray, went to work at the El Comodoro, about November 6, 1934, Mr. Adams left the city, at which time he told Mr. Gray that Messrs. Randall and Codomo, who were stopping at the hotel, were complimentary guests of the hotel, Mr. Gray saying that he understood from the general conversation between Messrs. Adams, Randall and Codomo that on a recent occasion when Adams was in Newark, N. J., he had made the acquaintance of Randall and Codomo who had treated him very courteously, and that he had invited them to come to Miami, which they had done, for which reason they apparently were stopping at the hotel as guests of Adams. Mr. Gray also informed Special Agent Hurt that at the present time Adams was engaged in interviewing applicants for positions at the Escayns Kennel Club, and that he understood some one hundred and fifty people were to be employed, all of whom were to be local people, with the exception of Randall and Codomo, who he had understood were to receive positions and who he believed were race track followers."

The report goes on to furnish the personal descriptions of Randall and Codomo, which were obtained by Special Agent Hurt as a result of his observance of both Randall and Codomo. The report also points out on page nine that Messrs. Hurt and Campbell observed Randall and Codomo from November 19th up until the night of November 20th and reported that these two men generally were together at all times; that neither of them bore any resemblance to Karpis or known members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and they apparently contacted no persons at the hotel, except to have casual conversations with persons whom the Special Agents were unable to identify.

It is now pointed out that some effort may be made during the course of the forthcoming trial to establish the fact that Agents Hurt and Campbell were registered at the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of identifying and apprehending members of the Karpis-Barker gang, to which end they exhibited photographs of the said gang to Mr. L. E. Gray. Please be advised that the Bureau has

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caused a thorough examination to be made of the files disclosing all interviews between L. E. Gray and Special Agents, and there is no where shown therein in any instance that Special Agents exhibited to Mr. L. E. Gray any photographs of any members of the Karpis-Barker gang, nor did they at any time preceding the night of January 16, 1935, discuss with Mr. Gray any matters pertaining to any members of this gang, other than discussions with reference to Randall and Codomo.

In view of the fact that the Bureau's files failed to disclose when Agents Hurt and Campbell registered into and out of the El Comodoro Hotel, the Bureau has obtained from the Chicago Field Division all of the rough draft memoranda which were submitted by these Agents during their investigations in Miami, Florida, and vicinity, which included a period of from November 18 to December 5, 1934. Photostatic copies of these memoranda have been prepared, one copy of which is being transmitted herewith for the purpose of refreshing your memory. I wish to point out to you that one of the memoranda, dated at Miami, Florida, November 21, 1934, advises that you were then residing at the La Salle Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and it would, therefore, appear that if you registered into the El Comodoro Hotel on November 19, 1934, and on November 21, 1934, were registered in the La Salle Hotel, there was very little opportunity for you to make any observations with reference to members of the Karpis-Barker gang, being then resident in the El Comodoro Hotel.

I wish that you would review your memoranda carefully and such other personal data as you may have, such as a diary, to determine what hours you spent in the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance thereof. Special Agent K. R. McIntire has pointed out to me it is his recollection that your principal purpose in being in Miami, Florida, was to make contacts with your various former acquaintances who might have knowledge of the presence of the gang at points other than at the El Comodoro Hotel, for which reason most of your investigative hours would have been spent elsewhere than at the El Comodoro Hotel. If this is true, it is my desire that you incorporate in a memorandum for the Bureau, information as to the approximate number of hours which you spent in your surveillance of the El Comodoro Hotel during the time you were occupying a room at that point, presumably between

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November 19 and 21, 1934.

For your information, it should be stated that Dolores Delaney, under the name of Mrs. E. N. Wagner, registered into Room 1005 of the El Comodoro Hotel on November 14, 1934, and registered out of the said room on November 18, 1934; further, that Nathaniel H. Heller, the proprietor of the Parkview Hotel, of Havana, Cuba, and a close friend of Joseph H. Adams, registered into Room 1004 on November 14, 1934, and registered out on November 20, 1934. At the time of your inquiry, to wit, November 19, 1934, there was no showing that Nathaniel Heller was in any way connected with members of the Karpis-Barker gang. The next registration of interest was that of Fred Barker in the name of T. C. Blackburn, who registered into Room 904 on November 23, 1934, registering out on November 25, 1934. Kate Barker, in the name of Mrs. Ryan, St. Charles, Illinois, registered into Room 905 on November 23, 1934, and registered out on November 25, 1934. The only other registration of interest during this period was that of Harry Campbell and his woman, Wynona Burdette, who registered as G. F. Summers and wife, and occupied Room 905 from November 25, 1934, to December 11, 1934. The recapitulation of these registrations will enable you to determine whether any members of the Karpis-Barker gang were registered at the said hotel during your occupancy of a room at that point.

Your attention is directed to an undated memorandum which is forwarded herewith, which was stamped "Received at Chicago, November 29, 1934," indicating that your address was then 236 Northeast 28th Street, Miami, Florida, Apartment 11, and another memorandum dated at Miami, Florida, November 25, 1934, gave your address as the La Salle Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

It is my desire that you submit to the Bureau at the earliest possible moment a complete, thorough, and detailed memorandum (five copies), setting out full data with reference to your residence at the El Comodoro Hotel, advising, if possible, the room occupied and the dates of registration and departure. If, during the period of November 18 to December 5, 1934, you had

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occasion to return to the El Comodoro Hotel, I wish that you would set out full data with reference to that matter, showing the nature of the surveillance maintained, the purpose of the surveillance, and the approximate number of hours each day when such surveillance was maintained. You should make every effort to recall the points other than the El Comodoro Hotel where you and Agent Campbell resided during the said period, giving the dates that you resided at such other points.

You will, of course, understand that these data are being obtained from you for the purpose of defending the Government's position against any attack made by the defense during the course of the forthcoming trial. With a full appreciation of the seriousness of this matter, I would appreciate your giving every consideration to a detailed and well ordered statement with reference, primarily, as to your surveillance of the El Comodoro Hotel and, secondarily, as to your residence at other points in Miami, Florida, and vicinity, and the nature of your investigation at that point.

The Bureau has no objection to your communicating with Agent Campbell with reference to this matter, so that your memories may be mutually refreshed. In addition thereto, you may exchange memoranda on this subject before submitting the same to the Bureau, so that there will be a mutual coincidence of the events.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - Oklahoma City (Personal and Confidential)  
cc - Cincinnati (Personal and Confidential)  
cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati (Personal and Confidential)

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REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 4-15-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-3-37	REPORT MADE BY J. A. Cimperman - acr
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREYER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Records at Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio reflect that Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason, OSP #4972 [REDACTED] List of relatives obtained and set out herein. D. W. Watson, OSP #68350 states he has not seen Benson Groves since 1908.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated 3-26-37; report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio dated 3-20-37.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</p> <p>The records in the office of Mr. D. J. Bonzo, Chief Parole and Record Clerk, Ohio State Penitentiary, reflect that John Mason alias Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Wrinski alias Pete Mason, [REDACTED]</p> <p>The "history of the case" related that Mason was arrested at a rooming house in Lima, Ohio on 5-20-21 at which time the rooming house was raided by police and in the gun fight that followed, one Raleigh Townsend of Oklahoma was killed and one George McGahan, OSP #40971, escaped. The purpose of the raid was for the</p>			
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rounding up of suspects of the robbery of a bank at Huntsville, Indiana which was held up on same date and a loot of \$12,000 obtained. At the time, Mason was arrested, he allegedly drew a gun but withheld fire. The other parties apprehended were Joseph Willis and George Duvvan.

The relatives of Mason, whose true name is Peter Wrzesinski, are listed as follows:

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[REDACTED]

The records indicate that Peter Wrzesinski only corresponded with [REDACTED]

The records also reflect that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Inasmuch as Wrzesinski was released by expiration of sentence and was not required to submit any reports after release from the institution, the file failed to contain any information as to his address after 6-21-24.

The file jacket on D. W. Watson, alias Dave Watson, OSP #68350 reflects that [REDACTED]

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Watson was also interviewed by agent at the prison hospital, where he has been confined for the past year or more. He stated that he knew Benson Groves a number of years ago but that he has not seen him since about 1908. He stated that about that time Groves hung around the Church Brothers Saloon in Benwood, W. Va. and also in the saloons at Bellaire, Ohio. He stated that he did not associate with Groves and knew very little concerning his activities as he, Watson, spent most of his time in jail and penitentiaries and therefore did not get to see much of him or get a chance to learn the names of any of his associates. He also stated that in the old days he used to go to Green's Farm, mentioned in reports of reference, but has never seen Benson Groves there, although he knew that he occasionally frequented the place. He also stated that George Green is not operating this farm any more and the last he heard of him he was in Toledo, Ohio tending bar. He stated that he is unable to give any helpful information that might lead to the location of Groves and was of the opinion that he would not be able to recognize him at the present time as he has not seen him since 1908.

Watson also stated that Mrs. Bessie Conger, sister, Lexington Rd., Alliance, Ohio is his only living relative and that Benson Groves is unknown to her, and he also stated that he has not corresponded with his sister and that she does not know where he is at the present time as she and her husband are having a hard time running their farm and does not want to worry them with his misfortune and troubles.

P E N D I N G



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 Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping;  
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 Fugitives; National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter addressed to the  
 Cincinnati Division from the Bureau of April 3, 1937, setting  
 forth the results of a review of the file relating to Gerald  
 Chapman for possible information concerning John "Turk"  
 Brennan, for the purpose of obtaining leads to aid in the  
 location of Benson Groves.

This is to advise that Brennan was recently arrested  
 at Camden, New Jersey, and is in custody of the United States  
 Marshal for removal to Lexington, Kentucky, to answer an  
 indictment charging bank robbery in which Post Office funds  
 were taken. Brennan is being interviewed by Inspector Connelley  
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Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed herewith  
three copies of transcript of the testimony of Messrs.  
Lawrence E. Gray, James Grant, and William M. Johnson  
as produced during the second Bremer trial.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
THIRD DIVISION

United States of America,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin  
Karpis, et al,  
Defendants.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
THIRD DIVISION

United States of America,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin  
Karpis; Arthur Barker, alias  
Doc Barker; Volney Davis;  
Harry Campbell, alias George  
Winfield; William Weaver,  
alias Phoenix Donald; William  
J. Harrison; Harry Sawyer, alias  
Harry Sandlovich; Byron Bolton,  
alias Monty Carter; Elmer Farmer;  
Harold Alderton, alias Harold  
Allerton, and Cassius McDonald,  
alias "Cash" McDonald,  
Defendants.

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LAWRENCE E. GRAY

Called as a witness for and on behalf of the  
Government, being first duly sworn, testified  
as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Sullivan:

- Q Your name is Lawrence E. Gray?      A. Yes, sir.
- Q Where do you live?      A. At the present time in New York City.
- Q Did you formerly reside in Miami, Florida?      A. Yes, sir.
- Q When did you leave Miami?      A. I left Miami on the 16th day  
of April, 1935.
- Q While you were at Miami, what was your occupation?
- A. Assistant Manager of the El Comodore Hotel.

Q Will you state the period covered by such employment?

A. I went to work on the 5th day of November.

Q What year? A. 1934.

Q When did you quit working at that hotel? A. The 15th of April, 1935.

Q State the general nature of your duties while you were working at the El Commodore. A. Mr. Adams employed me as Assistant Manager, but at that time Mr. Covell wasn't well, and we were trying to get a night man, during the months of November and December, and we had some difficulty getting a night man, so I was working at night part of the time during that period.

Q Just state what you did. A. Well, Mr. Adams was connected with other business at the time in Miami, and I relieved him of his duties, or a part of his duties in the hotel, and I took care of the correspondence and I worked behind the desk as room clerk, and also when emergencies arose, I helped at the switch board, and information and mail, and in fact, I covered it quite fully.

Q Now, Mr. Gray, one of your duties was taking care of the desk and receiving guests at that hotel? A. Oh, yes, and that was my principal work.

Q Principal duty? A. Yes.

Q In connection with the bookkeeping did you have anything to do with that? A. Nothing, no, sir.

Q When a guest registered were any charges of his account with the hotel entered upon the registration card? A. All



charges were entered on the registration card.

Q Did you have anything to do with any of the items which were entered as charges on the registration card? A. Yes, any advances, cash advances or payments over the desk, if I were on duty at the time, I entered them on the guest's registration card.

Q Did you have anything to do with the receiving of the payments of any guest's account? A. Yes. The room clerk also was cashier.

Q How many members were in charge of the office at the time you worked with the El Commodore Hotel? A. I was in charge of the office, that is, the front desk.

Q How many other people worked with you at the front desk during the same hours you were working? A. Mr. Sandercock, -- I will say there was two.

Q Two others? A. Two others, yes.

(Cards marked by the reporter for the purpose of identification as Government's Exhibits 96 and 96-A, 96-B and 96-C.)

Q I show you Government's Exhibit 96, and will ask you whether or not you were the man on duty and took the registration evidenced by that card? A. Yes.

Q Does your initial appear upon the card? A. Yes.

Q And the guest registered in your presence? A. Yes, sir.

Q Did you make an assignment of the room indicated upon the card there? A. Yes, sir.

Q On the date which appears upon that card? A. No. This date

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is 13-4. This party registered on the morning of the 5th, at 8:00, -- between 2:30 and 3 o'clock, but, of course, he was charged for the room on the night of the 4th, and I dated it as of the 4th.

Q Was there more than one person in that party, or not?

A. There was two.

Q State as to whether they were man and woman, or two men?

A. Two men.

Q Did you see both of the men at the desk at the time of the registration?

A. I saw both men at the time of the registration, but I could only identify the man that registered for the two.

Q Now, that card, 96, is one of the original records of the El Commodore Hotel?

A. Yes, sir, it is.

Q It is true and correct?

A. Yes, sir, it is correct.

Q Are there entries on the reverse side of that card?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Have you any knowledge as to those entries?

A. Well, the two charges, -- telephone charges, one on the 6th and 7th, I made those entries.

MR. RENSCH:

/The question is, have you any knowledge. Answer that yes or no.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I have.

Q Did you have anything to do with preparing the account from that Exhibit 96?

A. I don't quite understand you.

Q Did you check the people out evidenced in that registration?

A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q Did you use 96, and other cards, to make up the account for the guests? A. Yes, sir, I did.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in evidence at this time Government's Exhibit 96. I will withdraw it for the moment.

Q I show you this group of photographs, and ask you if you can select from that group, a photograph of a person or persons who registered in on card number 96? Will you go through there? A. I cannot select from this list of photographs that you hand me the party who was registered under the name of Howe. I can select the party who checked out under the name of Howe on the 8th.

Q Of what month? A. Of December.

Q Well, I will show you these Exhibits 96-A, 96-B and 96-C, and ask you if you can tell us what those are. A. Now, you want me to tell who was registered as Howe?

Q No, I am asking you what these cards represent in connection with the record, Government's Exhibit 96? A. Well, I can answer that question. Cards number 96 and 96-B represented Howe, who I identify as Karpis. Exhibit 96-A was a telephone to the desk from Room 405, asking for an additional room, and asking me to register the party in his name.

Q I don't think you understand me. What I want to know is what these exhibits 96-A, B and C represent with reference to the registration card, <sup>Exhibit</sup> 96? A. It represents the account of the one registered as E. M. Howe.

Q It represents the entire account? A. During this period of registration.

Q What period of registration did you say? A. From the 8th to the 15th.

Q Of what? A. Of December.

Q From the 8th day of December, 1934? A. From the 8th day of December, 1934, until the 15th, 1934, also.

Q It represents then, as I understand you, a continuous account?

A. One continuous one with the exception of the one exhibit, and that is 96-A.

Q Is that any part of that account? A. It is, -- you see, this party Howe, after he had gone to his room, had called down and said he wanted an additional room for that one night, and I registered him. He said to register under his name, which I did, and I gave him the additional room 402, and who that third party was, I don't know.

Q That Exhibit 96 and 96-A, B and C, represent the entire account of the persons appearing as registrants on Exhibit 96, is that correct? A. That is correct.

Q Now, did you check out the person or persons occupying the room evidenced on those account cards? A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q At the time that you checked out those persons who paid the account owing the hotel? A. Bolton.

Q A man known to you by the name of Bolton, is that it?

A. Bolton, yes.

Q Who registered in the hotel on December 8th? A. On December

8th?

Yes. A. Well, Howe and Bolton. They arrived their original registration was on the 4th. Bolton also for Howe.

For Howe? A. Yes, and the boy went out to get the bag, and Howe came in with him to some little distance from the desk, and at that hour of the morning the lobby was dark with the exception of a light over the desk, and I couldn't distinguish the features of the second man, but I haven't answered the question relative to the registration on the 8th.

Q We will get to that. From this group of photographs you have in your hand, are you able to select the man who registered, or who was in this hotel, or paid the bill under the name of Bolton? A. Yes.

Q Will you do that, please? A. Yes.

Q You hand me Government's Exhibit 36, which is a photograph of William J. Harrison, is that right? A. That is correct.

Q That is the man you say, -- A. I had occasion to see him several times.

Q Is this the man that paid the account evidenced by this registration? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, from that group of photographs, are you able to select a man known to you in connection with this registration as Howe? A. Here. (Indicating.)

Q You have selected Government's Exhibit 41, being a photograph of Alvin Karpis, the man known to you as Howe? A. Yes, sir,

not as the man who registered with Bolton, but as the man who checked out as Howe with Bolton.

What, if anything, did occur with reference to the registration of Howe, as evidenced on this Exhibit 98, on December 8th?

A. They left a call for about 5 o'clock, I think it was; they called down and left a call.

MR. RENSCH: We object to anything that occurred on the part of Howe, Bolton or Harrison, on the ground it is too remote and after the termination of any alleged conspiracy and not shown to be in the presence of any defendant now on trial.

THE COURT: I will hear it and if you want to make a motion to strike, you may.

Q Will you proceed, please? A. They left a call, I think it was about 5 o'clock, and they came down about 5:30.

Q On what date? A. That was the morning of the 8th.

Q Of December, 1934? A. December, 1934. The one who had registered as Bolton, and who had, -- the one that had registered, paid the bill for the two, both Howe and Bolton, and they went out about 6 o'clock that morning, or I should say around 6 o'clock on that morning of the 8th, they checked out. I having worked that night, -- we were without a night clerk during that period, and when I came back on duty that evening, I found that the rooms were still occupied, and Mr. Sandercock, I said, --

Q Never mind what you told him. When did you next observe these men known to you as Bolton and Howe? A. I noticed

they were back there in the house the same night, the night of the 8th.

Q Did you receive the final payment for that registration?

A. Not the final payment.

Q You did not? A. No.

Q Was there any new registration in connection with the period of time from December 8th on? A. No new registration by the two known as Bolton and Howe. There were new cards made out, but no new registration.

Q Who made out the new cards, if you know? A. I think I did.

Q You did? A. Because they were made out at night.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in evidence at this time Government's Exhibit 96.

MR. RENSCH: Same objection, too remote.

THE COURT: I will receive it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in connection with that 96 exhibit, 96-A, B and C, which is a continuation of the account.

MR. RENSCH: Same objection.

THE COURT: The same ruling.

(Cards marked by the reporter for the purpose of identification as Government's Exhibits 97 and 97-B.)

Q I show you Government's Exhibits 97 and 97-B, and ask you whether or not you handled the transaction indicated on the front side of Government's Exhibit 97? A. Yes, sir.

Q That is the registration of a guest? A. Yes, sir.

Q And that registration was made by you? A. Yes, sir.

Q Or made by the guest in your presence, and you took care of it?

A. I registered the party in.

Q That is one of the records of the hotel? A. Yes, sir, that is one of the permanent records, the original record.

Q It is true and correct? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, the name of the person registered on the face of that exhibit, do you identify that? A. Yes, I identify the party that registered, -- the party that registered, --

MR. DRILL: You have answered the question.

Q Who do you identify him as? A. I identified him as Harrison.

Q As Harrison? A. Yes.

Q This Government's Exhibit 36, that I have shown you?

A. Yes.

Q That registration occurred at the same time as the Howe registration, did it? A. Yes, that was the party that registered for Howe, -- both of them.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in evidence Government's Exhibits 97 and 97-B.

MR. RENSCH: Objected to as too remote.

MR. SULLIVAN: The date appears to be the same.

THE COURT: They may be received.

THE WITNESS: The card is December 4th and the registration was actually 2:30, December 5th, 2:30 A.M.

Q That was 1934? A. Yes.

Q The name of the registrant on this card is J. B. Bolton, Chicago, Illinois? A. That is correct.



(Cards marked by the reporter for the purpose of identification as Government's Exhibits 98 and 99.)

Q I show you Government's Exhibit 98, and ask you if you attended to that registration? A. Well, I will, -- it will take just a moment's explanation relative to that card.

THE COURT: Answer whether you attended to that registration.

THE WITNESS: Well, I assisted in the registration.

Q Were you present at the time that that guest registered?

A. I was present at the time.

Q Did you make the room assignment, or what did you have to do in connection with that registration? A. I filled in the date, and the number and the party and initialed the card.

Q From this group of photographs, can you pick out the picture of the person who appears to be the one registered on Exhibit 98? A. Well, I can pick out the party that registered the party in.

Q All right. A. Yes.

Q You have picked out the picture of Fred Barker, this Government's Exhibit 42? A. Yes.

Q Now, I show you Government's Exhibit 99, and ask you if you attended to that registration? A. The two registrations were at the same time by the same party and I filled in the date and the number of persons in the party, and initialed the card.

Q And the person making that registration, on Government's Exhibit

99, is this person Fred Barker pictured in 42 of the Government?

A. That is correct.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer in evidence Government's Exhibits 98 and 99.

MR. RENSCH: Objected to as too remote.

MR. SULLIVAN: The date appears to be December 8th, 1934.

THE COURT: They may be received. What is the name?

MR. SULLIVAN: In 98, the registrant is under the name of Mrs. G. E. Ryan, Room 1005, date 12-8, and there is no year marked there. What year was it?

THE WITNESS: 1934.

In Government's Exhibit 99, it is T. C. Blackburn, Room 1004, date, 12-8, --

(Card marked by the reporter for the purpose of identification as Government's Exhibit 100.)

Mr. Gray, showing you this exhibit, Government's Exhibit 100, I will ask you whether or not you attended to the registration set up on that card? A. Yes, sir, I did.

And that card is one of the records of the Hotel El Comodore?

A. The original record.

It is true and correct? A. It is correct.

Now, in connection with the, -- strike that, -- does that evidence the registration of more than one person, that card?

A. Yes, sir, two.

In connection with that registration, I will ask you if you can pick out the persons from that group of photographs

covered by the registration on that exhibit 100? A. Yes.

In answer to that question you have picked out Government's Exhibit 37, a picture of Harry Campbell, and Government's Exhibit 39, a picture of Winona Burdette, is that right?

A. That is right.

MR. SULLIVAN: I offer Government's Exhibit 100, dated January 13, 1935.

MR. RENSCH: Objected to as too remote to the conspiracy alleged here.

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't think so.

THE COURT: Received.

Q This registration card is for Mrs. Summers, Room 705, date, 1-13, and what year? A. 1935.

Q Two persons? A. They registered about 1 o'clock, just between midnight and 1 o'clock in the morning.

Q On what date? A. They registered actually on the 14th, but they were credited for the 13th.

Q When did they depart from the hotel, -- can you tell from looking at that exhibit? A. They departed on the 14th.

Q At what hour, -- did you check them out? A. No, I didn't check them out.

Q Now, you have selected from this group of photographs certain pictures and identified those persons with the registration at the hotel? A. Yes.

Q I am going to ask you to go through that group of pictures and pick out the pictures of all the persons whom you saw in

and around the El Commodore Hotel from November 5, 1934, the  
to  
time you commenced working, and up/and including January 14,  
1935.

(Witness produces pictures.)

A. Yes.

Q In answer to that question, then, you have picked out and  
handed to me Government's Exhibit 36, being a picture of  
William Harrison? A. Yes, sir.

Q And Government's Exhibit 41, being a picture of Alvin Karpis?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q Government's Exhibit 58, being a picture of Delores Delaney?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q And Government's Exhibit 43, being a picture of Fred Barker?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q Government's Exhibit 48, being a picture of Katherine Barker?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q Government's Exhibit 49, being a picture of Kate Barker,  
Government's Exhibit 39, being a picture of Winona Burdette,  
and Government's Exhibit 37, being a picture of Harry  
Campbell? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, with reference to Government's Exhibit 48, which appears  
to be a picture of Kate Barker, can you state when approximate-  
ly you saw her in and around the El Commodore Hotel?

A. Between, I should say between the 8th and the 12th of  
December.

Q Of what year? A. 1934.

Q Now, Mr. Gray, do you see anyone in this court room whom you saw in and around the lobby of the Hotel El Comodore during the period of time when you commenced to work down until the 14th of January, 1935? A. Yes.

Q Will you indicate the persons whom you saw around the hotel? A. Mr. McDonald once.

Q Mr. McDonald, the defendant, you indicate, is that correct? A. One time, yes.

Q Then did you see Mr. McDonald around the El Comodore Hotel? A. It was just before Christmas, either the day previous to Christmas.

Q The day before Christmas, do you think? A. I think it was.

Q In the year 1934? A. Yes.

Q You talked with Mr. McDonald? A. No, I didn't talk with him.

Q Did you see him visit and talk with any other persons in the hotel? A. No, sir, I didn't.

Q What was he doing? A. He asked for Mr. Adams, as I recall.

Q Who asked you? A. No, he didn't ask me, -- the young lady who was at the desk..

Q In your presence? A. In my presence.

Q Mr. Adams, who is meant by him? A. The manager of the hotel.

Q Joseph Adams? A. Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: You may inquire.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Rensch:

Q Are you working now? A. Yes.

Q By whom are you employed? A. The Knott Hotel organization in New York City.

MR. SULLIVAN: Knott, is that right?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

Q Showing you Government's Exhibit 45, I will ask you if you ever saw that man in the hotel? A. I can't recall that I have.

Q You cannot recall that you have? A. No.

Q He is not the man who told you his name was Bolton, -- he is not the person who is referred to as Bolton? A. No, sir.

MR. RENSCH: That is all.

MR. SULLIVAN: That is all.

THE COURT: That is all.

(Witness excused.)

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JAMES GRANT

Called as a witness for and on behalf of the Government, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Sullivan:

- Q Your name is James Grant? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Where do you live? A. In Miami, Florida.
- Q How long have you lived there? A. From the year 1907.
- Q Will you talk just a little louder. A. From the year 1907.
- Q Was that your first year? A. No, sir, my birthday is 1895.
- Q What has been your usual occupation since you have been able to work? A. My usual occupation has been a porter.
- Q Now, during the year, 1934, commencing in September, what was your employment? A. What year was that?
- Q During the latter part of the year 1934. A. I was bellboy.
- Q Where? A. At the Hotel El Comodore, at Miami, Florida.
- Q When did you commence working at the Hotel El Comodore? A. In the year 1924.
- Q What? A. In the year 1924.
- Q I am talking about the year 1934. Were you working at the hotel during that year? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Were you working at this hotel continuously from the year 1934? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Are you still in the employment of that hotel? A. Yes, sir, with the exception I was off a few months during the year, but I was still employed, and I worked there during that same year, -- I would be off two or three months some years, but

I would be back on the same job during that year.

Q Do you recall Rooms 1004 and 1005, as to the occupancy of those rooms, commencing with about the first of September?

A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, did you at any time during the first part of September, know any guest at the El Commodore Hotel under the name of Mr. James? A. Yes, sir.

Q What room, as you recall it now, did Mr. James occupy in the hotel El Commodore during the first part of September, 1934?

A. Room 1005.

Q Now, do you see any man in this court room whom you knew as Mr. James, and as the Mr. James occupying room 1005 in the Hotel El Commodore, in the first part of September 1934?

Yes or no. A. Yes, sir.

Q Will you indicate the man that you knew as Mr. James at that time at that hotel? A. Yes, sir, the gentleman right over there. (Indicating.)

Q The man that stands? A. Yes, sir.

MR. SULLIVAN: The witness indicates the defendant Sawyer.

Q Now, do you recall your meeting with this man that you knew as James, the defendant Sawyer in this case, at the hotel in the first part of September? Can you tell us about that?

A. Yes.

Q Did you have any talk or conversation with him? A. Yes, sir.

Q What was that first talk that you had with him?



A. I discussed sports with him and a little politically.

Q With reference to his name, what was said about that?

A. About his name, I asked him in taking out his valet such as laundry and suits and shoes, what was his name, and he said to me that his name was Mr. James.

Q Did you during the time that he was there at this hotel address him as Mr. James? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, do you recall the man who occupied the Room 1004 in this hotel at that same time? A. Yes, sir.

Q I show you this group of photographs and ask that you select if you are able to do so, the photograph of the man who occupied the adjoining room to Mr. James. (Witness examines photographs.)

Q In answer to my request, you have selected Government's Exhibit 36, which is a photograph of William J. Harrison, is that correct? A. Yes, sir.

Q What name, if any, did you know Harrison under? A. Mr. Harrison.

Q Well, now, Mr. Grant, do you know how long Mr. James and Mr. Harrison occupied Rooms 1004 and 1005 during September 1934?

A. Well, I will say approximately from one to eleven days, about, -- I will say about one to nine days.

Q Well now, will you state as to whether or not during the time that Mr. James and Mr. Harrison were occupying Rooms 1004 and 1005, as to whether or not those rooms were connected, as to whether there were doors opening between the two rooms?

A. Yes, sir.

Q What was the fact, the door was open? A. Between the two rooms, yes, sir.

Q Now, did you have occasion during the period of time that you have stated these two men were at your hotel, to be in those rooms, to go up there in response to requests for service by those men? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, during that period of time, can you state as to the average number of times per day that you called at Rooms 1004 and 1005? A. I will say from one to four times a day.

MR. HEISEY: I didn't hear that.

THE WITNESS: From one to four times a day.

Q Now, in these two rooms, when you called, which one of the men, or both, James or Harrison, were usually present?

A. Mr. James.

Q Did you see them there at the same time on any occasion when you called at those two rooms? A. Yes, sir.

Q You say that you saw Mr. James more often in the room than you saw Mr. Harrison? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, do you recall delivering beer to Mr. James? A. Yes, sir.

Q What brings that recollection to your mind? A. Because he called for it often.

Q And <sup>as</sup> to where it was kept? A. Well, in different rooms at times, 1004 and 1005.

Q As to whether it was iced, and if iced, where it was kept?

A. It would be kept in the bathroom, in the bath tub, in a

pail.

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Q Did you have occasion to ice the beer? A. I did.

Q Now, do you recall any guests at the El Commodore Hotel as G. L. Summers and T. G. Blackburn during the latter part of the year 1934? A. Yes, sir.

Q I will show you these pictures and ask you if you can select the persons in that group, the photographs, that you knew as Summers and Blackburn? A. (Witness examines photographs.)

Q In response to my request you have handed me Government's Exhibit 42, which is the picture of Fred Barker and what name did you know Fred Barker under at the hotel? A. Mr. Blackburn.

Q Mr. Blackburn? A. Yes.

Q You have shown me, or picked out Government's Exhibit 37, a picture of Harry Campbell. What name did you know Campbell under at the hotel? A. Mr. Summers.

Q Do you recall the approximate date of the visits of Blackburn and Summers at the hotel during the fall of the year 1934? A. No, sir, I couldn't recall the exact date.

Q Well, approximately. A. In the month of October, about the middle of the month.

Q Did you have occasion to render any valet or room service to either of those gentlemen? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall at this time what rooms they occupied? A. 1004 and 1005.

Q Well now, Mr. Grant, did Summers and Blackburn arrive at the hotel after Harrison and Mr. James left the hotel? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall as to whether or not Summers and Blackburn were accompanied by any women? A. Yes, sir.

Q I again show you this group of photographs and ask you if you can select from that group the women who accompanied Summers and Blackburn during the time you have referred to.

A. (Witness examines photographs.)

Q Any other women? A. Not at that particular time.

Q You have shown me Government's Exhibit 48, a photograph of a Mrs. Katherine Barker? A. Yes, sir.

Q Was she with these men up in one of these two rooms 1004 and 1005? A. Yes, sir.

Q For how long a period of time did she remain? A. About three days.

Q Three days? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, do you recall either Blackburn or Summers visiting the hotel again after this time in October, that you have spoken about? A. Yes, sir.

Q What month was that in? A. Around November and December.

Q The entire month of November? A. I don't recall any time in November.

Q For approximately how many days were they guests there at that time? A. About three or four days.

Q Do you know whether or not Summers and Blackburn were at that time accompanied by any women? A. Yes, sir.

Q Can you select from that group of photographs the pictures of the women who accompanied them on that second visit to the

hotel? (Witness examines photographs.)

MR. RENSCH: That is objected to as being too remote.

THE COURT: He may answer.

Q You have handed me Government's Exhibit 39, a picture of Winona Burdette, and you state that she accompanied Summers and Blackburn on some occasion? A. Yes, sir.

Q How long did she remain at the hotel during the time that Blackburn and Summers were there on that second visit? A. I can't remember.

Q You can't remember? A. No.

Q Do you find any other women that accompanied these men at that time? A. Mrs. Blackburn.

Q Are you able to pick out her picture? (Witness examines photographs.) A. I don't see it here now.

Q Now, do you recall any guests in the rooms 404 and 405 during the month of December, 1934? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall an incident when the radio was ordered up in one of those rooms? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you know who occupied those rooms 404 and 405 at that time? A. No, sir, I don't know the name of anyone occupying them.

Q Well, I show you this group of photographs again, and ask you if you can select from that group the picture or pictures of any person or persons who occupied those two rooms?

(Witness examines photographs.)

Q You have shown me the picture of Delores Delaney, in Government's Exhibit 58. A. Yes, sir.

- Q Did you take care of the placing of the radio up in the room, or not? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Was this girl, Delores Delaney, in the room at the time you were installing the radio? A. Yes, sir, there was two in the room.
- Q Two in the room? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Two girls? A. A lady and a gentleman.
- Q A lady and a gentleman and this girl? A. No, sir, just two.

MR. SULLIVAN: You may inquire.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Rensch:

- Q Mr. Grant, when did you first know that you were going to be a witness in this case? A. When I was subpoenaed by one of the Government agents.
- Q That was about when? A. That was on the 9th.
- Q The 9th of January? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Until that time you didn't know whether you were going to be brought here to testify? A. No, sir.
- Q You had never had anyone talk to you about that matter before that time? A. I was only shown the pictures before.
- Q When were you shown some pictures? A. That was in the month of January, as far as I can recall.
- Q Of this year? A. Last year.
- Q January of last year? A. Yes.
- Q At the time these pictures were shown to you were you told you were going to be called as a witness in this case?

A. I can't recall that.

Q Just how do you fix the time that you claim Mr. Sawyer was at the hotel as being early in the month of September, -- how do you fix that particular time? A. I would say it would be along about 2 o'clock or 2:30 in the afternoon.

Q I don't mean the time of the day. I mean how do you remember that it was the first part of September that you saw Mr. Sawyer in that hotel? A. Well, I remember there wasn't many guests in the hotel at that time of the year, and anyone in the hotel that looked to me or appeared to me as a tourist, I easily noticed.

Q Because there were only a few guests in the hotel and because he appeared to you to be a tourist, you fixed the time as being the first part of September, is that right?

A. I didn't understand that.

MR. RENSCH: Will you read the question, please?

(Last question repeated by the reporter.)

A. That was one reason.

Q All right. What other reasons were there of fixing the date? I want to know how you remember the time. Did someone tell you the time he was there? A. No one told me the time.

Q No one has told you what time he was there? A. No.

Q Let me ask you, is around the first part of September the only time of the year when there are only a few guests in that hotel? A. In other months there are a few guests in the hotel.

Q As a matter of fact, the summer season and early fall season is, I take it, a quiet season in that hotel? A. Most of the time is the quiet time in the summer and fall.

Q So the quiet season is not limited to about September 1st? A. Well, I wouldn't say altogether, no, sir.

Q Would you say it is possible Mr. Sawyer was in that hotel on July 1st, instead of September 1st? A. No, sir, I don't remember his being in the hotel in the month of July, because I was made head bellman at that time and it hadn't been over a month.

Q When were you made head bellman? A. In the month of August.

Q You were head bellman at the time you claim Mr. Sawyer was there? A. Yes.

Q How are you able to recall you had been head bellman for about a month at the time he was there? A. Well, in this particular way: I know my daughter was going to school in that month, and that is how I recall it so clearly.

Q What month does school start down there in Miami?

A. School started, -- this month she was going away in the month of September, in the early part of September.

Q Isn't it a fact, Mr. Grant, that you told this man who showed you these pictures in January, that Mr. Sawyer had been in that hotel the first part of September, didn't you tell him that? A. I don't know anyone by the name of Sawyer.

Q Did you tell him Mr. James had been in the hotel?

A. In the month of September?



- Q Did you tell him that? A. No, sir.
- Q Did you tell the man who asked you in January, or who showed you the pictures in January, that Sawyer had been in that hotel, or that Mr. James had been in that hotel in the previous September? A. Mr. James was in the hotel in September.
- Q Did you tell the man that? A. Yes, sir, in September.
- Q So you had some considerable talk with this man, is that right? A. What man?
- Q The man who showed you the pictures? A. No, sir.
- Q Did you have any other talk with him except to tell him that Mr. James had been there in September? A. No, sir.
- Q You did, didn't you? A. Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you talk with this man? A. This gentleman that asked me about the man?
- Q About the pictures. A. The gentleman just talked to me.
- Q How long did you talk to him in January? A. I didn't talk with him in January.
- Q When did you talk with him? A. With the gentleman who showed me the pictures?
- Q Yes. A. I just talked with him a few minutes about.
- Q You have told us that you saw these pictures first in January of last year, is that right? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Someone showed you those pictures, did they? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Who was the man that showed you those pictures? A. The agent,-- the Government agent showed me the pictures.
- Q Do you know his name? A. No, sir, I don't know him.

- Q By agent, you mean an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?  
there A. Yes.
- Q Was/more than one agent? A. There were two.
- Q Are there either of them in the room at this time, -- is there any question about these men, whether you see them or whether you don't see them? A. I don't see any now.
- Q Have you seen them in the court room while you have been seated in here during the course of this trial, -- have you seen them in this room? A. In the room?
- Q Yes, I mean before now, -- have you seen them coming in and out of the court room? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Now, how long did you talk with these two men?  
A. I can't recall how long I talked.
- Q You cannot recall how long you talked with them? A. No.
- Q Was it a matter of fifteen minutes, or would you say nearly an hour, or was it a half a day or a day? A. I can't recall how long.
- Q Did you talk to them more than once? A. No, sir.
- Q Just the one time? A. Yes, sir.
- Q This one time in January is the only time that you talked with these two men, is that right, -- do you remember whether or not that is the only time? Do you understand the question?  
A. Yes, sir.
- Q What is your answer? A. I don't remember.
- Q You don't remember whether you talked with these men more than once, or not, is that correct? A. Yes.

Q Have you talked with any person of the Bureau of Investigation in St. Paul since you have come here about the matter of your testimony here? A. Just once.

8 Q Did you talk to these same two men? A. I didn't say I talked to the same two men.

Q You talked with someone? A. Yes, sir.

Q On this first occasion, or just only that you recall when you talked with these special agents, did you tell them all that you have told here in the court room today about these other people that were in this hotel, and out of the hotel and about the serving of beer and about the valet service, did you tell them all of that? A. I did.

Q You don't know how long it took you to go over that ground? A. No, sir.

Q Did they tell you anything about what had happened there? A. No, sir.

Q They did not? A. No, sir.

Q Did you tell all this with their asking you questions, or just go ahead and tell it without your being questioned? A. They asked me.

Q They asked you questions, is that right, -- did these agents ask you questions? A. No, sir.

Q Did they ask you any questions at all? A. Yes, sir.

Q Where did you talk with them? A. Right here.

Q Where? A. Right here.

Q In January? A. No, sir.

Q Where did you talk with them in January of 1935?

A. I don't understand that.

MR. RENSCH: Will you read the question, please.

(Last question repeated by the reporter.)

Q Do you understand that? A. Yes, sir.

Q Just answer it, please.

THE COURT: Was it Miami, Florida, or tell where it was.

THE WITNESS: Miami.

Q Was it in Miami? A. Yes.

Q Whereabouts in Miami? A. At the hotel.

Q At the El Commodore Hotel? A. Yes, sir.

Q Whereabouts in the hotel? Did they talk with you at more than one place in the hotel? A. Just one place.

Q At what place was it? A. I am trying to, --

Q If you can't remember, just say so and we will go on. Well, do you remember where you talked with them? A. In the hotel. Do you mean upstairs or down?

Q Do you mean whether it was upstairs or downstairs?

A. Downstairs.

Q Are you sure about that now? A. So far as I can recall.

Q Was it in the lobby or where was it downstairs? A. At the desk.

Q Were you behind the desk and they in front of the desk?

A. Alongside of the desk.

Q Were you both on the same side of the desk? A. Yes, sir. I

didn't understand that.

Q Were you both on the same side of the desk, you and the two agents? A. No, sir, I was on the side.

Q Where were they? A. They were standing on the side.

Q The same side? A. They were on the side.

Q Is it your answer they were on the same side? A. No, sir, I wouldn't say on the same side.

Q Were they on the other side? A. They were standing at the desk, and I was close to it.

Q You were standing at the desk, is that right? A. I was standing at the desk.

Q Did you stand there all the time that you talked about this matter? A. At that time I did.

Q They never talked to you at any other time, did they? A. I can't recall any other time.

Q Did they stand at the desk with you all the time when they talked with you? A. Just at that particular time, I remember.

Q So the only talk that you had with these agents at any time was at this desk at the hotel, is that correct?

A. Yes, sir, that is all I know.

Q Did these agents have any memorandum or paper they were making notes on at that time, do you remember that, -- are you having some trouble with your memory? A. No, sir.

Q Is there anything wrong with your memory? A. Not that I know of.

Q Did they have a paper they were making notes on when they talked with you, or not? A. I don't remember.

Q Any of these things that you don't remember, just tell me, that is all you have to do. During that talk did either the agents or yourself go and sit down at any writing desk, do you remember? A. No.

Q Is it your answer that you don't remember? A. I don't.

Q What time of the day was it when the agents talked with you, do you remember the time of the day? A. It was in the afternoon.

Q Were you on duty at the time? A. Yes, sir.

Q You were working at the time? A. Yes, sir.

Q Was anyone else present besides yourself and these two agents while they talked with you? A. No, sir.

Q Since the first part of September, when you say that you saw this man who is seated behind me, in that hotel, have you seen him again except in this court room? A. Not since the month of September.

Q So between the month of September, 1934, and the matter of a day or two, or three ago, when you saw Mr. Sawyer in the court room, you haven't seen him? A. Since September?

Q 1934. A. No, sir, I haven't seen him since September, 1934, until the present time.

Q You are not sure he is the man that you knew in your hotel as Mr. James, are you? A. Yes, sir, I am quite sure.

Q You feel quite sure of that? A. Yes.

Q You are quite sure it was in the first part of September, is that right? A. The early part of September.

MR. RENSCH: That is all.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Sullivan:

MR. SULLIVAN: Just a few questions, your Honor. I have a number of bellboy call sheets, your Honor, and I would like to put them in evidence. I do not like to have them marked separately. I can put them in an envelope, if that is agreeable to the Court and have them identified that way.

THE COURT: Identified by this witness?

MR. SULLIVAN: The bellboy call sheets, as I understand, the bellboys maintained a sheet and put down the entries themselves.

(Envelope containing bellboy call sheets  
marked by the reporter for the purpose  
of identification as Government's Exhibit 101.)

Examined by  
Mr. Sullivan:

Q Now, in this El Commodore Hotel, in the month of September, the call sheets, -- a bellboy call sheet was kept, is that right? A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, assuming that the bellboy gets a call from one of the rooms to render some service, does the bellboy do anything in connection with marking any writing on this bellboy call sheet? A. Yes, sir.

Q What does he do? A. He writes down the time he is leaving and what room he is booked from.

Q Does the bellboy actually write it himself? A. The bellboy,--

Q Does the bellboy that goes to the room, does he make the writing on the bellboy call sheet or not? A. That depends if there is many boys around.

Q I am going to show you this list of call sheets, and the first sheet is dated September 1st, 1934, and ask you if you will go through that sheet and indicate, as you come to it, any entry made by yourself, -- any writing put on there by yourself. A. Yes, sir.

Q Now, what is the date? A. That is the ninth month and the first day, 1934.

MR. REINSCH: I move that the answer be stricken out for the purpose of an objection. I object to the witness testifying to the contents of any written instrument that is not in evidence.

THE COURT: Objection sustained.

Q Now, did you have anything to do with the preparation of that call sheet? A. Yes, sir.

Q What did you do in respect thereto? A. I dated down the time I was assigned to that special room.

Q You dated down the time that you visited in that room? A. Yes, sir.

Q That entry is in your own handwriting? A. Yes, sir, that is my handwriting.

THE COURT: And the date also?

Q And the date is in your handwriting and the hour and so forth?



A. Yes, sir, that is my writing.

MR. SULLIVAN: At this time I offer in evidence just so much of that exhibit 101 as is actually recorded by the witness himself.

THE COURT: I suppose you will have to first identify when it was recorded.

MR. SULLIVAN: I was going along the other way before,--

THE COURT: Can he identify the sheets?

MR. SULLIVAN: There is a number of them.

THE COURT: Has he a notation on the sheet that he put on it himself?

MR. RENSCH: If I may look at them we might be able to save some time. These calls listed do not indicate the occupant of the room at the time the calls are made?

THE WITNESS: The list indicates whatever you are assigned to that room, they put down the correct time.

MR. RENSCH: The correct time, and the room number?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. RENSCH: But not the name of the occupant?

THE WITNESS: No.

MR. RENSCH: I suppose you were making calls to rooms 1004 and 1005 before September 1st, and after September 1st, or before Mr. James and Mr. Harrison were there?

THE WITNESS: I did make a call to 1004 and 1005 before and after.

MR. RENSCH: Is there anything on this call sheet

that would indicate any call made here was made upon Mr. James and Mr. Harrison?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. RENSCH: Will you point out what there is in there that would so indicate?

THE WITNESS: That is not my handwriting there; that is not my handwriting there. (Indicating.)

MR. RENSCH: I am asking you to point out anything to me, anything on these sheets that will indicate to you that the particular call was made either upon Mr. James or Mr. Sawyer.

MR. HEISEY: Mr. Harrison.

MR. RENSCH: Or Mr. Harrison, that is correct.

THE WITNESS: That is one there.

Examined by  
Mr. Rensch:

- Q What is there about that that indicates that that call, -- strike that out, -- is there anything to indicate whether this call was for Mr. Harrison or for Mr. James? A. At that time, --
- Q Answer yes or no. A. There is nothing on those sheets.
- Q So the fact of the matter is that this does not dispute, or in any way indicate on the face of it that that service was rendered to either Mr. Harrison or Mr. James? A..It was rendered to room 1004, --
- Q You answer my question, -- is there anything on that sheet that indicates to whom that particular service was rendered,--

does it appear upon that sheet of paper? A. I don't understand it.

Q Does anything appear upon that sheet of paper to indicate to you the person to whom that service was rendered at the time indicated? A. It says, --

Q Answer that yes or no.

MR. SULLIVAN: I submit the witness should be given an opportunity to answer it.

Q If you don't understand me, you tell me you don't understand me, and I will reframe the question. A. I don't understand what you say.

Q I want to be perfectly fair with you. My question is, is there anything about this entry that you have indicated, that shows to what person that particular service was rendered at the time indicated. Answer yes or no. A. 1004, --

Q Answer that yes or no, please.

MR. SULLIVAN: I ask that counsel be instructed to permit the witness to explain his answer.

THE COURT: There probably isn't anything.

MR. RENSCH: No.

THE COURT: Why ask him that.

MR. RENSCH: Because if there is not, I want to eliminate it.

THE COURT: Why take a lot of time to show it?

MR. RENSCH: Only he says there is.

Q If there is nothing there, will you pass on to another entry

in there that indicates to whom the service which is placed on that paper was rendered, not the room, but the person, and if there is anything on that to indicate it, say so, and we will shorten this.

A. 1004 on this one sheet right here, this is my writing here.

Q What is there about that that indicates to what person the service was rendered, -- what is there about that sheet upon that paper that shows that? A. It shows service to 1004 at 12:04.

THE COURT: The Government doesn't contend there are any notations or marks that indicate the service was rendered to either Mr. James or Mr. Harrison, and if the Government doesn't so contend, why go into it?

MR. RENSCH: If the Government will admit it, they do not contend it, --

MR. SULLIVAN: I will admit on the record because there is nothing to indicate the nature of the service or the person to whom the service was furnished, but it does refresh the witness' recollection as to that period of time.

THE COURT: That is what I assume was the purpose of the offer. It is simply he had during that period of time visited rooms 1004 and 1005.

MR. RENSCH: The witness has already testified he visited the room previous periods and later periods. I am trying to bring out this could not have been during the time when he visited James or Harrison.

THE COURT: That is a matter of argument.

MR. RENSCH: In view of that admission, I object to the introduction of that exhibit on the ground that it has no probative value and merely tends to encumber the record.

MR. SULLIVAN: I was going to have the witness isolate the visits he has made, and then make the offer. We can do that during the recess.

(Recess.)

Examined by  
Mr. Sullivan:

- Q During the recess you made a check mark on certain entries of this Government's Exhibit 101? A. Yes.
- Q And those lines that you checked with an X mark do they indicate service that you rendered to rooms either 1004 or 1005?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q Are those lines or entries where you placed a check mark, are those lines in your own handwriting, the figures and the words that appear thereon? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Were they made at the time that you did the things set out in the exhibit? A. At the time I served them, I put it down on the record.
- Q From September 1st, 1934, up to and including September 12th, do you recall how many entries you made on this Exhibit 101, do you recall the number? A. I recall the number of times that I visited this room from September 1st to the 12th?
- Q Yes. A. About 10 or 11 times.

MR. SULLIVAN: At this time I offer in evidence just

so much of this Government's Exhibit 101 as is check marked by the witness.

THE COURT: Now that he has stated he visited it 10 or 11 times, what probative value is there to it?

MR. SULLIVAN: It has none except to corroborate this witness' testimony on the stand.

MR. RENSCH: It has no probative value, and I make the objection.

THE COURT: I will sustain the objection. He states he was there 10 or 11 times. If anybody wants to dispute it, you may offer it, but I do not see that that record, in the light of his testimony, will be of any particular value to the jury, and I think, as counsel says, it has a tendency to encumber the record.

MR. SULLIVAN: The reason I made the offer was because of the line of questioning on the part of Mr. Rensch.

MR. RENSCH: That was for the purpose of laying a foundation for that very objection.

Examined by  
Mr. Sullivan:

Q Now, did you room either <sup>or</sup> the men Harrison or James?

A. Yes, sir, I roomed them.

Q Do you know what date you roomed those two men? A. On the first.

Q Of September? A. Yes, sir.

Q 1934? A. 1934.

Q Do you know how many bags you took up to the room? A. In all

I took about three bags.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think that is all.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Rensoh:

Q When you say you roomed them on September 1st, are you relying upon the entry that appears in that Exhibit 101, that Mr. Sullivan himself attempted to give you that date?

A. That is the date I roomed them on.

Q Just answer my question, if you please. A. Yes, sir, that is my handwriting down there, and I remember that.

Q You are depending upon that memorandum that appears there to fix the date, September 1st, is that right? A. Not to fix the date, but that is the date of my handwriting I roomed them.

Q Perhaps you don't understand my question. I am asking you whether or not you are depending upon that memorandum to give you the date upon which you roomed these men. A. At the present time I remember the date by the records.

Q You remember from that record? A. Yes.

Q Without that record have you any independent recollection of your own or any memory of your own to fix that date?

A. Well, I couldn't say exactly or remember, but mostly by the record on the papers.

Q All that that record on the paper shows to you is that you roomed somebody on September 1st, is that right? A. I roomed Mr. James in 1005.

Q Will you show me on the record where it so indicates, please?

MR. HEISEY: I object to that as having been gone over.

MR. RENSCH: I don't know whether it does or not. He says it does.

THE COURT: It doesn't. Why take the time to ask him that.

MR. RENSCH: Is it conceded it does not appear on the memorandum, the person whom he roomed?

MR. SULLIVAN: I will concede the memorandum shows he took three bags up to room 1004 on September 1st, 1934.

THE COURT: If you want to press it, go ahead.

MR. RENSCH: I think the date is important, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

Q It is from this memorandum that you fix that date, that you took Mr. James and Mr. Harrison to room 1005, is that right?

A. I remember, --

Q You remember it without this memorandum, is that right?

A. I couldn't say I remember the special date, but by the record I recall myself rooming them on that date.

MR. RENSCH: In view of that statement, I move that the testimony of the witness that he roomed Mr. James and Mr. Harrison on September 1st, in room 1005, be stricken out as based upon the memorandum, which does not indicate, and which does not show that to be the fact?

THE COURT: I think I will reverse my ruling on the exhibit.



MR. SULLIVAN: I will reoffer the exhibit.

THE COURT: I will receive 101 in evidence, if some point is made of it.

MR. RENSCH: May we have an exception?

THE COURT: 101, with reference to the notation made by this witness may be received in evidence.

MR. SULLIVAN: Any further questions?

Examined by  
Mr. Rensch:

Q Mr. Grant, who did you room in 1005 on August 1st, 1934?

A. I don't remember.

Q Do you remember any person that you roomed in the room in the entire month of August, 1934? A. No, sir, I don't remember anybody.

Q Do you remember any person that you roomed in 1005 other than those two whom you have testified, in the month of September, 1934? A. No, I don't recall any special person.

Q Do you remember anyone that you roomed there in the month of July, 1934? A. No, sir.

Q The only persons that you remember putting in this room during the year 1934, is Mr. James and Mr. Harrison, is that right? A. In the month of September?

Q I am talking about the whole year of 1934, they are the only two persons you now remember being put in that room?

A. The only two persons I have reason for remembering.

Q I am not talking about the reason. I am talking about whether you do remember any others? A. No, sir.

Q You do remember very definitely, however, about Mr. James and Mr. Harrison in those two rooms? A. Yes, sir.

Q And at the time that you have stated? A. Yes, sir.

MR. RENSCH: That is all.

MR. SULLIVAN: That is all.

(Witness exoused.)

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WILLIAM M. JOHNSON

Called as a witness for and on behalf of the Government, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Sullivan:

- Q Your name is William Johnson? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Where do you live? A. Miami, Florida.
- Q Talk out a little louder. A. Miami, Florida.
- Q What is your present occupation? A. Bellman at the El Commodore Hotel.

THE COURT: Just get rid of that chewing gum.

- Q Did you work for the El Commodore Hotel during the fall of the year 1934? A. Yes, sir.
- Q When did you commence working for that hotel at that time? A. The exact date I wouldn't know, but it was in October.

MR. HEISEY: What was that?

THE WITNESS: October.

- Q How long did you continue to work for the El Commodore Hotel at that time? A. I continued there for, I would say, eight weeks anyway, -- I couldn't remember definitely.
- Q What were your duties at the El Commodore Hotel? A. As bellman, serving guests and rooming them, and giving them room service.
- Q Do you recall any guests stopping at the El Commodore during the period of time you worked there under the name of Blackburn? A. Yes, sir, I do.

Q Now, these people you knew as Blackburn at the hotel, were they man and woman? A. Man, -- mother and son is the way I knew.

Q The mother and the son? A. Yes, sir.

Q From this group of photographs will you pick out, if you are able to do so, the photographs of those persons that you saw at the hotel and whom you knew as Blackburn, the mother and her son. (Handing exhibits to the witness.) Will you hand them to me. In answer to that question or request, you have handed me the picture, Government's Exhibit 42, of Fred Barker, and Government's Exhibit 48, Kate Barker, and you knew these two persons while they were stopping at the hotel under the name of Mr. Blackburn and Mrs. Blackburn? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember of the Blackburns having any guests at the hotel while they were stopping there? A. Not as I can recall, I don't.

Q Did you lately go to work for the Blackburns? A. Yes, sir.

Q The Blackburns, as I understand it, moved away from the hotel? A. Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall the approximate date when they moved from the hotel? A. The date I couldn't recall; it was in the period of time when I told you I worked for six weeks.

Q Well, with reference to the month, are you able to say as to the month when these people left the hotel? A. I will say around the 12th or 15th, or somewhere in there.

Q Of what month? A. Of October.

Q When did you start to work for the Blackburns? A. The exact

date, I wouldn't know, but they checked out, I think it was Sunday morning or Monday morning, rather of the following day I mentioned.

Q About October 12th? A. Somewheres in there.

Q You started to work for the Blackburns on the following day or so? A. Yes.

13 Q Where were the Blackburns living at the time you commenced to work for them? A. Well, at the time I started to work with them, was in Okalawa, Florida.

Q Near what lake is that? A. There is a lake there, but I just can't recall the name.

Q Do you recall Lake Weir? A. That is it.

Q How long did you continue to work for the Blackburns at this lake? A. I will say approximately three weeks.

Q Now during the time you were working for the Blackburns at Lake Weir, do you recall any visitors the Blackburns had there? A. No, sir.

Q I will show you this group of photographs and ask you if you can select any photograph of any person who may have visited the Blackburns at Lake Weir or at the hotel before the Blackburns left? A. I am not positive of it, but that resembles the man that went up with us.

Q What name do you know this man under? A. Summers.

Q You have shown me Government's Exhibit 37, Harry Campbell? A. Yes.

Q Did a Mr. Summers accompany the Blackburns up to Lake Weir when

you went with them? A. Yes.

Q Do you find any other person in there? A. No sir. There was just the four of us there.

Q Just the four of you at Lake Weir? A. Yes, sir.

Q Well, do you find in that group of photographs the pictures of any person who visited the Blackburns at the El Commodore Hotel? A. I don't find anyone that visited them there.

Q Of that group of photographs do you find pictures of any persons whom you saw in and about the El Commodore Hotel while you were working there? A. No, sir.

Q When did you quit working for the Blackburns that you recall? A. Well, after I said I left the hotel, three weeks after I left the hotel, -- I worked for them three weeks.

Q If you worked for them about the 13th of October, you returned back to Miami then after finishing with the work, did you? A. Yes.

Q That would bring you back to Miami about the first part of November? A. That is my recollection.

MR. SULLIVAN: You may inquire.

MR. REESCH: No questions.

THE COURT: That is all.

(Witness excused.)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 16, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer of April 16, 1937, captioned "U. S. Will Name 9 More Karpis Aids." The article sets forth that United States Attorney E. B. Freed of Cleveland and Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon were in conference in Washington, D. C., and that it was decided to seek indictments of nine Toledoans next week on charges of having harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The article concludes with the following:

"McMahon declined to discuss the government's plans . . . on the ground that it would serve as a warning to those involved, but acknowledged the indictments would be sought."

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland - Ohio

April 16, 1937

## U. S. WILL NAME 9 MORE KARPIS AIDS

Indictment of Toledoans as  
Helpers in Hide-Out  
Will Be Sought

Indictment of nine Toledoans alleged to have harbored Alvin Karpis, co-leader of a Barker-Karpis gang, while Karpis was a fugitive from justice, will be asked from a federal grand jury meeting in Toledo next week, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington said yesterday.

The decision to place the government's evidence before the grand jury followed a conference in Washington between United States District Attorney Emerich B. Freed of Cleveland and Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon, chief of the criminal division.

Karpis is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz Federal Prison for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, in 1933. It is believed the indictments will be asked in connection with this case, which carries a heavier penalty than mail train robbery.

Karpis and his gang held up and robbed a mail train at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935, when they got \$46,000. It was in connection with this crime that Karpis and three of his gang were later arrested.

Fred Hunter and John Brock, two of the gang, pleaded guilty here a week ago before Federal Judge Paul Jones in connection with the mail robbery. Hunter was given 25 years in Leavenworth (Kan.) Federal Penitentiary. Brock is still in County Jail awaiting sentence.

Two others, Joseph Roscoe, Toledo underworld character, and John Zetzer, Port Clinton (O.) marine garage operator, pleaded guilty to charges of being accessories after the fact. Roscoe was given seven years and Zetzer three.

McMahon declined to discuss the government's plans, the dispatch said, on the ground that it would serve as a warning to those involved, but acknowledged the indictments would be sought.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Miami FILE NO. 7-24 rd

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 4/16/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/12/37	REPORT MADE BY S. K. MCKEE
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Aged parents, sister and family of Grover "Purrhead" Keady reside at 17 S.E. 6th St., Miami, Fla. Mrs. Maude Ximenes, neighbor, unable to identify photos of Lett and wife and states she is positive they have not been at the Keady home.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Field Division, 4/7/37.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA</p> <p>Through Mr. W. L. Williams, of the Superintendent of Mail's office, Miami Post Office, it was ascertained that carrier F. Dundon serves the address of 17 S.E. 6th Street, Miami. It is to be stated that there is no such address in the city of Miami as 175 E. 6th Street.</p> <p>Interview with Carrier F. Dundon at his home 1637 S.W. 14th Terrace reflected that he had served the route on which 17 S.E. 6th Street is located for approximately three years and that the occupants of these premises have been residents thereof for a longer period than three years. In response to questions Carrier Dundon advised that Ed Keady and his wife occupy the house in question, along with numerous other relatives. He advised that Keady and his wife are very old people and appear to be in their 80's and that within the past year they celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. He stated that Mrs. Zoe Betts, a daughter, also lives at this address and that she receives a compensation check from the Government. He advised further that Mrs. Betts has two grown daughters who live at this address, one of whom is</p>			
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married and has two small children, while the other, whose name is Catherine Betts, is single. He stated further that some few roomers lived at 17 S.E. 6th Street but that he could not recall their names.

Neither the true name nor any of the known aliases of Milton Lett was familiar to Carrier Dundon. Lett's photograph, as well as that of his wife Lucille Farris, was displayed to him but he could not recognize either as that of a person whom he had seen around the premises in question.

Reference to the Miami City Directory for 1937 reflected that Edward Keady and wife Lou reside at 17 S.E. 6th Street. Also listed at this address was Mrs. Zoe R. Betts.

The writer made observations in the vicinity of 17 S.E. 6th Street, during the day and on the night of April 12, 1937, but no one approximating the descriptions of Milton Lett and his wife was observed. It is also stated that no automobiles bearing out of State licenses were observed, either parked on the immediate premises or in the immediate neighborhood.

Mrs. Maude Ximanes, 23 S.E. 6th Street, which is next door to the house occupied by Ed Keady and his family, was interviewed. Mrs. Ximanes advised that she has resided at her present location for approximately four years and that the Keady family were located in their present home when she moved into the neighborhood. She said she has talked with various members of the family and is more or less friendly with them but would not classify them as close friends. She stated, however, that she has ascertained through conversations with other persons in the neighborhood that they are an old and well respected family. She advised that Edward Keady and his wife are in their 80's and have been practically invalids for years because of their feeble condition. Keady was formerly a carpenter and contractor. She stated that a daughter, Mrs. Zoe Betts, resides at this address and that Mrs. Betts has two daughters, namely, Catherine Betts and Mrs. Leo Dillard. She stated that the husband of Mrs. Dillard and their two small children also reside on the premises.

Mrs. Ximanes stated further that two young men roomers occupy a room in the Keady house and that another man who is middle aged occupies another room. She said that there are two apartments located in the house, which is a very large structure and that these apartments are occupied by young married couples. In response to questions it was ascertained that she has talked in person with all the people who reside at the Keady house. Mrs. Ximanes was shown photographs of Milton Lett and his wife and she stated there was no one living in the house who resembled these persons in any way.

In response to further questions Mrs. Ximanes stated that Ed Keady and his wife are originally from some place in Oklahoma and that they have a grown son possibly fifty years of age, who still resides in Oklahoma. According to her, this son, his wife and a niece visited in Miami during the summer of 1936. She also advised that sometime during the year 1936, the son from Oklahoma was involved in some sort of difficulty with the law and spent some time in jail; that his parents were very worried about him and got in touch with a local lawyer about his case. She advised further that she has talked with Mrs. Betts concerning this brother and that Mrs. Betts feels very bitterly toward him for the trouble he has caused their aged parents.

Mrs. Ximanes stated that she feels sure from what she has seen of the Keady family that they would have nothing to do with anyone who was operating outside the law; that they have gone through a lot of trouble because of the son who resides in Oklahoma and they helped him in the past only because he is their son.

The facts ascertained through the above investigation would indicate that the letter addressed to Grover Keady at 230 E. Xyler Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma and postmarked Miami, Florida, April 3, 1937, was from one of his relatives.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-15-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-13-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. C. SPENCER</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>RO</b></div>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Letter addressed to Miss Dorothy Keady, 230 E. Xyler, Tulsa, Okla., April 2, 1937, from Box 322, Manitou, Colo., sent by Leona Caulkins of Manitou, neighbor of Miss Keady during the latter's visit there last summer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Field Division to the Miami Field Division, dated April 7, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT MANITOU, COLORADO:</u></p> <p>George Koenen, clerk in the Manitou Post Office, advised that Box 322 is issued to Elmer Caulkins, who is a CCC worker, and who lives two houses up Deerpath Avenue from the Standard Service Station on the highway.</p> <p>At the Caulkins home Mrs. Elmer Caulkins and her two younger daughters were interviewed and it was ascertained that another daughter, Leona, age 20, wrote the letter to Miss Dorothy Keady, whom she met when Miss Keady was in Manitou last summer. This was from the early part of July until about August 11. Dorothy Keady, age about 17, was in Manitou with Mr. and Mrs. Archer, who had three small children with them. Dorothy was employed to watch the children at the time. They lived at the next house up the hill, and became acquainted</p>			
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with the Caulkins as neighbors. Dorothy has written that she might come again this summer, if the Archers come.

Miss Florence Caulkins, age 18, stated that she was with her sister, Leona and Dorothy Keady when they were together, and Dorothy had said that due to the fact that both of her parents are dead, she lives with her aunt and uncle at Tulsa. She did not state what this uncle did nor who he was. However, she did tell the Caulkins girls that Mr. Archer was an oil man. Dorothy went by the name of Hatfield while she was in Manitou, and told the Caulkins' that she used both this name and the name, Keady.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

April 16, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 5, 1937, relative to a letter dated December 22, 1936, requesting that the activities of Betty Tracy, former fiancée of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, be checked. Please refer to the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 19, 1937.

If further investigation is desired please advise.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 4-16-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/13, 16/37	REPORT MADE BY W. A. MURPHY VLD
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with alias, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Fred Puckett and Earl Randolph, Muncie, Ind., identified photographs of Turk Brennan and Joe White, whom they well knew to be distinct individuals, thus disproving supposition of Charles "One Arm Wolf" that they might be one and the same person. Were unable to give present whereabouts of Turk Brennan and did not know Benson Groves. Randolph, former Muncie Chief of Police, believes Nellie Brown, 520 E. New York St., Indianapolis, Ind., a former fence of the Chapman mob, may know where Turk may be located, and he will attempt to procure information concerning him from her. Pete Barlow recognized photograph of Joe White, but did not know Brennan or Groves.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Reference: Letter to Cleveland office dated 2-12-37; letter from Cleveland to Indianapolis office dated 3-30-37; reports of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey, Indianapolis, Indiana, 3-27-37 and 4-8-37.</p> <p>Details: <u>At Muncie, Indiana</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheriff Fred W. Puckett of Delaware County, former Chief of Detectives of the Muncie Police Department, who apprehended</p>			
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Chapman in 1924, when furnished with a photograph of Turk Brennan received from the Cleveland office with reference letter dated March 30, 1937, and a photograph of Joe White obtained at the Indiana State Bureau of Criminal Identification, immediately identified them as separate and distinct individuals, whom he well knew through his investigation of the Chapman mob's activities in Muncie and elsewhere as pointed out in the reference letter of the Indianapolis office dated February 12, 1937. He intimated that he thought "One Arm Wolf" was well acquainted with "Big Turk" As Brennan was known to him, but for some reason was attempting to conceal his affiliation with Brennan by saying that he thought Joe White and Turk Brennan were identical. Puckett related that he had been unable to obtain any information as to the present whereabouts of Turk Brennan or Benson Groves, but in the event that he did, he would immediately notify the Indianapolis office.

Agent interviewed Earl Randolph, former Chief of Police, Muncie Police Department during the Chapman activity, who is now head of the factory police at the Warner Gear plant #3. He observed the photographs of Brennan and White, referred to above, and immediately identified them as being distinct and well known members of the Chapman crowd. He stated that he has not seen or heard of Turk Brennan since 1933, at which time a reporter on the Chicago American informed him that Turk and his brother Phil were running a gambling joint in Flint, Michigan. He could not recall the name of this reporter. Randolph, when questioned as to possible contacts or associates of Brennan, advised that he believed Nellie Brown, 520 East New York Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, a former fence of the Chapman crowd, might know where Turk Brennan is at the present time as he thinks she has maintained her connection with the remaining members of the mob through her operation of a rooming house at this address which is frequented by persons with criminal tendencies.

Mr. Randolph advised against a direct contact with her by a Bureau agent, stating that she was very close mouthed and would undoubtedly refuse to disclose any information in this regard which she might possess if she knew she was being questioned by a law enforcement officer. He further mentioned that since he resigned from the Muncie Department he has frequently visited Nellie Brown's place with a group of his male friends and she has always provided them with a rather lively "party". On occasion she has mentioned to him casually some of her activities and contacts with the members of the old crowd. For this reason he believes that he may be able in the near future to get in touch with her and obtain pertinent information as to the present whereabouts of Turk Brennan. Randolph did not identify the photograph of Benson Groves as that of anyone he had ever had any contact with and could give no information whatever concerning him. He assured the reporting agent that in the event he procured any data on Turk Brennan or Benson Groves he would immediately notify the Indianapolis office, the address and telephone number of which was left with him.



Pete Barlow, proprietor of Barlow's Beer Tavern, 501 South Mulberry Street, identified the photograph of Joe White, and advised that he was well acquainted with him. He recalled White having been nicknamed Turk by the Chapman crowd in Muncie and mentioned that his present wife, Lucille Barlow, was formerly Joe White's wife. Barlow did not identify the photographs of Turk Brennan and Benson Groves as those of persons he had been in contact with, and he stated that he was positive that his wife, who was not available for interview, had no information whatever concerning these individuals as he had never heard her mention their names.

Inquiry was made of Puckett, Randolph and Barlow regarding the present whereabouts of Kirby Davis, formerly of Muncie, Indiana, who is mentioned in the reference report of Agent Humphrey dated at Indianapolis March 27, 1937, as being an associate of Joe White, but negative information was obtained.

Mrs. Ray Davis, 818 North Mulberry Street, sister-in-law of Kirby Davis, advised that she and her husband last knew definitely that Kirby was residing in Chicago, Illinois, during the summer of 1936 and the fall at an address known to Grey Davis, a brother who lives at 900 North LaSalle on the first floor and has a telephone Lincoln 2154. At that time Kirby was engaged in selling vacuum cleaners for an unknown concern. Since Kirby Davis is indicated as being a contact of Joe White but not of Turk Brennan, the matter of ascertaining his present whereabouts is being left to the discretion of the Cleveland office.

At Indianapolis, Indiana

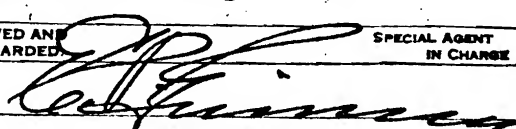
On April 16, 1937, a routing slip was received from the Cleveland office advising that "Turk Brennan was in custody in New Jersey" and further advising that leads in the Indianapolis Division territory seeking to locate him may be disregarded.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati

FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-16-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-9-37	REPORT MADE BY E. H. Williams
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Letter from United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., dated 4-8-36 advises pending indictments in the Hamm and Bremer cases were stricken from Court calendar on motion of United States Attorney, and the Clerk of the U. S. District Court ordered to hold them in her office until further orders.			
P.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. N. Notesteen, St. Paul, dated 3-17-37.			
DETAILS:			
At St. Paul, Minn.			
On April 9, 1937, a letter was received by the St. Paul Division from Hon. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, dated April 8, 1937, advising that the pending indictments in the Hamm and Bremer cases which have appeared on the calendar from time to time, were on the motion of the United States Attorney stricken from the calendar by the Court, and the Court further ordered and directed the Clerk to withhold such indictments in her office until further order of the Court. By this procedure the indictments still remain alive and are withheld in the Clerk's Office without any disposition.			
UNDEVELOPED LEAD:			
ST. PAUL OFFICE June 1, 1937, will contact the United States Attorney as to what action has been taken by the Attorney General relative to quashing the indictments outstanding or the further prosecutive action contemplated.			
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. ATLA. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-16-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-12-37	REPORT MADE BY W. E. OVERSTREET.
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Benson Groves spent several months at the home of O. D. Fountain, Twiggs County, Georgia, after his release from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.			
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REFERENCE: Cleveland Division letters dated October 10, 1936 and January 6, 1937; Atlanta Division letter dated October 17, 1936; report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Atlanta, February 10, 1937.			
DETAILS: This investigation was made by Special Agent W. H. Espey and the writer:			
<p>Mr. Sam Kitchin, Sheriff of Twiggs County, Jeffersonville, Georgia, informed that the criminal connections of Mrs. O. D. Fountain consist in her close association with bootleggers in the vicinity. He said that her husband, Obe D. Fountain, before his death following a rattlesnake bite last September, had been engaged in bootlegging for a number of years, and had served sentences for his bootlegging activities. A photograph of Benson Groves was displayed to the Sheriff and he asserted he had seen Groves at Jeffersonville but he could not place his connections or the time he saw him. Continuing, with reference to Mrs. Fountain, he said that she lives about a half mile from a back country road that runs between Jeffersonville and Gordon, Georgia, the house being located near the Twiggs and Wilkinson County line about six miles from Jeffersonville and nine miles from Gordon. He said the home of Obe Fountain's widow is situated in Twiggs County at the edge and between two swamps in a vicinity known as the Fountain settlement, and that any of the Fountains and almost anyone else in that vicinity would harbor any kind of criminal. As to Mrs. Fountain, he stated her husband always made his living bootlegging corn whiskey and that no doubt Mrs. Fountain is carrying on the same occupation for a live-</p>			
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lihood.

Sheriff Kitchin said that he would be glad to go into the Fountain community unsuspectingly in the near future and pick up Groves, if he is in there. He said that he believed he could find out, through informants, whether Groves is hiding out in that settlement or one of the adjacent swamps, where it would be possible for him to have employment at some whiskey still. He suggested that Agents give him an opportunity to effect an apprehension in this manner and that Agents not disclose their identity to Mrs. Fountain in the investigation at her home, inasmuch as to do so would undoubtedly result in "flushing" Groves. Mr. Kitchin requested a photograph of Groves, and the Cleveland Division is being requested to furnish the Atlanta Division with one of Groves' photographs for the use of Sheriff Kitchin.

J. H. Cannon, Deputy Sheriff, Jeffersonville, Georgia, upon interview, furnished the same information with reference to Mrs. O. D. Fountain and others in the Fountain settlement, as that furnished by Sheriff Kitchin. He stated he had seen some one resembling Groves in the vicinity, picking out the photograph of Groves from four others displayed to him by Agents, but he could not recall anything about the chance meeting of Groves which would assist in locating him. Mr. Cannon, whose connection with the local Sheriff's Office, is not known to Mrs. Fountain, acting as a guide, accompanied the Agents to the Fountain home.

In approaching the Fountain home, after turning off the Jeffersonville-Gordon Road toward the Fountain home, a surveillance was made of the immediate premises outside the house by Agents and Mr. Cannon, with negative results. The Agents car was parked in such a position with respect to the front door of the Fountain house that Mr. Cannon was not visible to the occupants. The writer asked for Mr. Grayson when a girl about eighteen or twenty years of age answered the front door at Mrs. Fountain's home. The girl replied that he was not there, and upon being questioned as to his whereabouts stated she would call Mrs. Fountain to the door to talk to Agents. Mrs. Fountain was interviewed under a pretext. She stated she had not seen Grayson in several months. She admitted on being asked leading questions that Grayson came to her home after his release from the Penitentiary in 1935 and was there for three or four months. She claimed, however, that he left shortly before Obe Fountain died. In answer to a question whether he died last September, she replied he did.

In a letter from the Atlanta Division to the Cleveland Division dated October 8, 1936, it is noted that Grayson or Groves may have been discharged from the United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, with good time allowance, on March 17, 1935. In reference letter of October 17, 1936, it will be noted that information was received that O. D. Fountain died in the Fall of the previous year upon being bitten by a rattlesnake. It is believed that in stating the time of O. D. Fountain's death, Sheriff Kitchin and Mrs. Fountain had reference to September, 1935, and not September, 1936. She was difficult to interview under a pretext as she gave information reluctantly and Agents did not desire to disclose their identity at this time, for the reason that it was believed to do so might result in her advising Groves, if she is in communication with him, to stay away from the vicinity.

The pretext used was that Agents were representatives of the Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company, the writer introducing Agent Espey as the General Auditor for the company, inasmuch as Agent previously interviewed Mrs. Fountain under the same pretext. On the occasion of the previous interview, it will be noted in reference letter of October 17, 1936, that Mrs. Fountain stated she did not know anyone named Grayson or Groves. The writer, continuing the pretext, advised Mrs. Fountain that an insurance legacy had been left to be divided equally between Groves and his wife, and that in attempting to find Groves to settle the legacy it was noted in the correspondence record pertaining to him at the United States Penitentiary that he had corresponded with her, Mrs. Fountain, as his wife. It was after this information had been conveyed to her that Mrs. Fountain admitted that Groves had written to her from a Penitentiary and had come to her house and associated with her husband after his release from the Penitentiary. She denied that she was ever married to Groves and said the only one she had ever been married to was O. D. Fountain. She requested the Agents to furnish her with an address at which she might communicate with them should she obtain any information concerning Groves' whereabouts. She was told that Agents had other similar work for the Insurance Company which would keep them in the territory for about two months and that she might communicate with them by addressing a letter to J. M. Hall, General Delivery, Macon, Georgia, and a memorandum of this information was left with her. Arrangements will be made to receive any such communications at the General Delivery window at Macon.

Mrs. Fannie Moore, Postmaster, Jeffersonville, Georgia, advised that Mrs. O. D. Fountain receives her mail over a rural route from the Gordon, Georgia Post Office.

Mr. F. S. English, Postmaster, Gordon, Georgia, upon interview, informed that Will W. Brooks, rural mail carrier, delivers the mail to Mrs. O. D. Fountain, and that Brooks was raised in the vicinity of the Fountains and knows the settlement and its inhabitants. Mr. English said he had been interviewed about two weeks ago by a Department of Justice man who had left a circular and that Mr. Brooks, the mail carrier, was on the lookout for such a man at Mrs. O. D. Fountain's home. Mr. English then walked over to the safe and got out Post Office Department circular pertaining to their case #99941-D, and handed it to Agent, asking if that was the man Agent was looking for. The circular proved to be one pertaining to Benson Groves and was in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery. Mr. English stated that since the circular was left about two weeks ago, Mrs. Fountain had received only one letter and that Mr. Brooks informed it was from some one known to him, who had formerly resided in the same settlement. Mr. Brooks was not present at this time, and Mr. English was advised that inasmuch as Mr. Brooks is already on the watch for mail going to Mrs. Fountain and for some one answering to Groves' description at the Fountain home, it would not be necessary to again interview Mr. Brooks at this time. Mr. English offered any assistance that he may be able to render in the future. From the description furnished of the man who visited Mr. English two weeks ago, and from the fact that a Post Office circular was left, it was evident Mr. English in all probability was interviewed by Post Office Inspector Stone.

From the admissions made by Mrs. Fountain it appears possible that Groves used her home as a hide-out both before and after the Garrettsville, Ohio mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, and in order that this may be determined, the exact time of O. D. Fountain's death will be ascertained during subsequent investigation at Jeffersonville, Georgia, as Mrs. Fountain may be guilty of harboring Groves with knowledge of his crime at Garrettsville, Ohio, and also his crime of harboring subjects of this investigation. Her knowledge of his crimes may be imputed to the fact that she at first denied knowing Groves.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION at Cleveland, Ohio, will obtain from the files of this case one of the photographs of Benson Groves and forward the same to the Atlanta Field Division in order that the same may be supplied to Sheriff Sam Kitchin, Jeffersonville, Georgia, for his use in seeking the location of Groves.

The ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Jeffersonville, Georgia, will upon receipt of the photograph of Groves from the Cleveland Division, furnish the same to Sheriff Sam Kitchin, in accordance with his request. Will maintain contact with Sheriff Kitchin for any information he may have developed pertaining to the whereabouts or apprehension of Groves. Will ascertain from Sheriff Kitchin or other source the exact date of O. D. Fountain's death.

At Gordon, Georgia, will make such investigation at the Fountain home as may be deemed appropriate, in an endeavor to locate Groves.

At Macon, Georgia, will contact the General Delivery window for any mail from Mrs. Fountain to J. M. Hall, the name given Mrs. Fountain by Agent, under pretext.

PENDING.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1937.

Time - 11:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Joe Adams, et al

In accordance with your previous authorization, I telephoned SAC Stein at the Oklahoma City, and outlined to him what we are doing in connection with trying to strengthen the case against Joe Adams and others in Florida. I told Mr. Stein our information was that he got along very well with Karpis, and that accordingly, we wanted him to meet Supervisor McIntire in San Francisco at a given date and accompany him to Alcatraz for an interview with Karpis.

I explained to Mr. Stein that Mr. McIntire has some other work to do before going to Alcatraz, and that accordingly, Mr. McIntire would call him from Kansas City in due course, advise what time he, McIntire, expects to be in San Francisco, so that they can meet there at a designated date and proceed together to Alcatraz to interview Karpis.

Mr. Stein said that he would arrange his work so that he would be in a position to leave upon receiving the call from Mr. McIntire from Kansas City.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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April 17, 1937

KRM:LL

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall will be tried at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, on the charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis at that point.

Subpoenas have been issued, calling for the appearance at Miami on May 31, 1937, of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray. The last known addresses of either of these persons was in care of J. H. Gray, Statesville, North Carolina, or in care of Knott Hotels, New York, New York.

It is desired that immediately upon the receipt of this letter, you communicate with the United States Marshal and offer him every service in locating and serving the subpoenas in question. In the event that neither Mr. Gray nor Mrs. Gray is located at Statesville, North Carolina, you are instructed to communicate this information, without delay, to the New York City Field Division, with the request that that division make efforts to locate the said parties through the Knott Hotels.

For your information, it should be stated it is the Bureau's understanding that Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray are now separated as a result of mutual differences. It is believed, however, that Mrs. Gray, whose given name is Agnes, may be located through Mr. L. E. Gray.

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Very truly yours,

cc - Miami  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - New York City

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-11 MS

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> Buffalo, N.Y.	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 4/16/37	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 4/7/37	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> J. W. WARNES
<b>TITLE</b> GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">                         H. A. McKEE, Sales Personnel Division,                          Remington Rand Inc., Buffalo, N.Y. states                          that Mr. H. S. Walcott, Harder Mfg. Co.,                          Sturgis, Mich.; Dean Babbitt, President,                          Senatone Co., New York City; and G.F. Hawes                          of Barrington Association, New York City,                          were formerly connected with the Safe                          Cabinet Co., Washington, D.C. and because                          of their positions since the Safe Cabinet                          Co. was taken over by Remington Rand Inc.,                          many former employees have contacted them                          for the purpose of securing employment.                          Personnel records of Remington Rand Inc.                          show George G. Rorke was employed by the                          Safe Cabinet Co. from 1919 to 1923 and was                          a 32nd degree Scottish rite Mason of                          Washington, D.C. during 1919.                     </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">                         - RUC -                     </div>			
<b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, 3/19/37.			
<b>DETAILS:</b>  <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">                         AT BUFFALO, N.Y.                           Agent interviewed Mr. H. A. McKee, Sales Statistician,                          Remington Rand Inc., 465 Washington Street regarding George G. Rorke.                     </div>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b>  <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">                         H. J. L. Rippey                     </div>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">                         DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                          APR 20 1937                          APR 19 A.M.                          ONE STAT. SECT.                     </div>	
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Mr. McKee stated he does not recall Rorke as ever having been employed by Remington Rand Inc. since that corporation took over the Safe Cabinet Co. in 1926. He stated, however, that a Mr. H. S. Walcott, was formerly connected with the Safe Cabinet Co. of Washington, D. C., and is the person who discharged Mr. Rorke from the employment of that company. He stated that he believes a number of employees of the Safe Cabinet Co. have contacted Mr. Walcott in recent years with a view to securing employment with the company with which Mr. Walcott is now employed, and it is therefore possible Mr. Walcott may have some information concerning Mr. Rorke. He stated that Mr. H. S. Walcott is now employed with the Harder Manufacturing Company as salesmanager and this company is located at Sturgis, Michigan.

Mr. McKee further stated that Mr. Dean Babbitt, who is President of the Senatone Company of New York City, may know of George G. Rorke, inasmuch as Mr. Babbitt was salesmanager of the Safe Cabinet Co. when Rorke was hired by that company in 1919, and it may be that Rorke has since contacted Mr. Babbitt with a view to securing employment.

Mr. McKee also mentioned the name of Mr. G. R. Hawes as another person who would probably be in a position to have information concerning Mr. Rorke inasmuch as he knows that a number of former employees of the Safe Cabinet Co. have contacted Mr. Hawes to secure employment. He stated that Mr. Hawes, he is quite sure, is now with Barrington Associates, Daily News Building, located on 42nd Street in New York City. He stated Mr. Hawes was very close to all of the employees of the Safe Cabinet Co.

Mr. McKee turned over the personnel records relating to George G. Rorke and from an examination of them agent attained the following information:

George G. Rorke at the time of making application for employment with the Safe Cabinet Co. of Washington, D. C. was living at 3420 - 16th Street, NW, Washington, D. C. He was 5'10" tall; weight 155 lbs.; and was born at Marshall, Mo.; was married and his wife and mother were his dependents at that time. In his application Rorke stated he attended the public schools in New York City from 1897 to 1905; Crown Point High School, Crown Point, Ind. from 1905 to 1907 and Georgetown University, apparently at Washington, from 1911 to 1914, graduating from the latter mentioned institution

after having studied law and specializing in patent law. He stated he took a course with the American Institute of Banking of Richmond, Va. and was a member of the University Club of Washington, D. C. Rorke stated he belonged to the Businessmen's Club of Richmond, Va.; Phi Alpha Delta, National Fraternity, and was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason- Shrine, Washington, D. C. He stated he formerly was a Marhsall of the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity. He claimed he had personal property valued at \$6000.00, kind or description not stated, and carried \$10,000. in insurance, but did not give the names of the insurance companies.

Rorke further stated he had been employed with the United States Shipping Board, being located aboard prior to October 1919; L. C. Smith and Bros., Washington, D. C. and Richmond, Va. as salesmanager. There were letters of recommendation addressed to Mr. Babbitt referred to above, then of the Safe Cabinet Co.; from Robert LeFever, Purchasing Agent, U. S. Shipping Board; a R. R. Burklin of the War Finance Corporation; S. J. Gonthers of the Department of Labor; a Robert Watson, Department of Labor and Mr. William Turkenton, Chairman of the General Supply Committee, Washington, D.C. All of these letters were dated in November 1917. Of these persons all stated they knew applicant well and recommended him highly for the position.

Mr. McKee referred to above, stated their records do not show for certain whether Rorke was under bond while employed with the Safe Cabinet Co., but at that time, that is from 1919 to 1923, which was the period during which Rorke was employed, the Safe Cabinet Co. was insuring with the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company.

Agent contacted Mr. E. E. Axtell, Secretary of the Masonic Relief Association of Buffalo and he advised that a Mr. Reed is Secretary General of the Masons at Washington, D. C. and that Mr. John Cowles is Grand Chancellor. Mr. Axtell stated both of these individuals can be located at the House of the Temple located on 16th Street in Washington, and that Washington, D. C. is the general headquarters of the southern territory of the Masons. He said that the records relating to Rorke's affiliation with the Masons probably would be located there.

A photostatic copy of a photograph of George G. Rorke was obtained from Mr. McKee, mentioned above, and is transmitted herewith to the office of origin for such assistance as it may be in the investigation. It should be noted that this photograph was taken about 18 years ago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT STURGIS, MICHIGAN should interview Mr. H. S. Walcott, who is employed with the Harder Manufacturing Co. as Sales Manager. Mr. Walcott formerly was connected with the Safe Cabinet Co. at Washington, D. C. and it is believed Rorke may have contacted Mr. Walcott since 1923 for the purpose of securing employment.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY should interview Mr. Dean Babbitt, President of the Senatone Co., and Mr. G. R. Hawes of Barrington Associates, Daily News Building, 42nd Street. Both of these individuals formerly were connected with the Safe Cabinet Co., Washington, D.C., and Mr. McKee of Remington Rand Inc. of Buffalo believes that they may have been contacted by George G. Rorke in recent years.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. should contact Mr. Reed, Secretary-General and Mr. John Cowles, Grand Chancellor of the Masons, House of the Temple Building, for the purpose of securing all information of value which would aid in locating Rorke. It will be noted that Rorke is a 32nd degree Mason.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

April 17, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall will be tried at Miami, Florida, on June 7, 1937, on the charge of having harbored Alvin Karpis at that point.

A subpoena duces tecum has been issued for the appearance at Miami on June 7, 1937, of Mr. J. C. Willever, First Vice-President, Western Union Telegraph Company, 60 Hudson Street, New York, New York. The subpoena demands that he bring with him originals or copies or regular tissue copies of the messages transmitted between Nathaniel Heller in Havana, Cuba, and Joe Adams in Miami, Florida, and also of message transmitted between Joe Adams in Miami, Florida, and Nathaniel Heller in Havana, Cuba, said messages signed by Heller and directed to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, under dates of October 16 and 18, 1934, and November 2, 1934, respectively, and message received by Heller from Adams under date of October 25, 1934, said messages reading as follows:

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAIL

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ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW

April 17, 1937

For your information, it should be stated that the originals and tissue copies of the above mentioned messages have been located in the office of Mr. George W. Carey, Manager of the Western Union Cablegram Company, Havana, Cuba. Mr. Carey has informed, however, that it will be advisable to make request for the production of these messages upon Mr. J. C. Willever, who will instruct the Havana office of the said company to designate someone to produce the messages. Mr. Carey has informed that if this procedure is followed, he will designate his commercial representative, Mr. Primitivo Armesto Rodriguez to produce the messages in court.

A subpoena has likewise been issued for the appearance at Miami, Florida, on May 31, 1937, of George A. Wilson, whose correct name is said to be George A. Wessells. This individual was formerly employed at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and it has been learned that he can be located through John Arthur Wessells, of Peekskill, New York.

There has also been issued a subpoena calling for the appearance on May 31, 1937, at Miami, Florida, of Andrew Gurante. I wish to invite your particular attention to the extreme importance of locating and serving a subpoena upon Gurante. You should have reference to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at New York City, August 26, 1935, wherein it is shown that Gurante voluntarily appeared at the New York office and furnished a statement of great material bearing upon the successful prosecution of this matter. You will also note by reviewing your files that an extensive investigation was instituted in an effort to again locate Gurante after he had furnished this statement, which investigation was unsuccessful and which was finally terminated by virtue of the fact that former Special Assistant to the Attorney General Walter L. Barlow stated he would not use Gurante as a witness in this matter. The case has now been assigned, however, to Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who insists upon using the testimony of Gurante. For this reason, every effort should be made by you to locate Gurante. The files disclose that he may be located through his brother, Albert Gurante, at Apartment No. 1, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.



SAC, NYC

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April 17, 1937

Your attention is also directed to a letter of the Bureau to the Charlotte Field Division, dated April 17, 1937, a copy of which has been forwarded to your office, calling for the location of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray.

Immediately upon the receipt of this letter, it is my desire that you communicate with the appropriate United States Marshal and render him every assistance in locating and arranging for the service of the said subpoenas upon the above mentioned individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Miami  
cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati  
cc - Cincinnati